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The Attorney General

August 24, 1972

Acting Director, FBI

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JONI E. WOJTCWICZ  
SALVATORE NATURALE (PHONETIC)

CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK NEW YORK

AUGUST 22-23, 1972

BANK ROBBERY; ATTEMPTED AIRCRAFT PIRACY

During the afternoon of August 22, 1972, subjects entered the Chase Manhattan Bank, Brooklyn, New York, and took nine bank employees as hostages. Both subjects, who are apparently homosexuals, then demanded a small plane be made available for them at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA).

Approximately 100 New York City Police Department officers in addition to FBI Agents converged at the Chase Manhattan Bank. Subjects were armed with a 30.06 rifle, a 12-gauge shotgun and a .38 caliber handgun.

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At 4:16 a.m., August 23, 1972, subjects with six of the hostages (one male and five females) took in excess of \$25,000 cash from the bank and entered a limousine which they had demanded. The limousine was driven by a Special Agent of the FBI and shortly after 5:00 a.m., August 23, 1972, the limousine arrived in the vicinity of a parked jet at JFKIA. Subject Naturale had a shotgun leveled at the FBI Agent and upon arrival at the plane, the Agent deflected Naturale's shotgun and shot Naturale once in the chest. Subject Wojtcwicz surrendered to other FBI Agents who were on the scene. Naturale was dead on arrival at Jamaica Hospital and no other person, hostages or FBI Agents were injured in any manner.

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The New York Office of the FBI throughout the above incident maintained contact with the United States Attorney's Office and Federal Bank Robbery charges have been authorized against subject Wojtcwicz. He was arraigned in the Eastern District of New York on August 23, 1972.

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United Press International reported a telephone interview with one of the gunmen while he was in the bank. The gunman threatened to kill all the hostages and said, "The Supreme Court will let me get away with this. There's no death penalty. It's ridiculous. I can shoot everyone here, then throw my gun down and walk out and they can't put me in the electric chair. You have to have a death penalty. Otherwise this can happen every day."

An intensive investigation is being conducted to obtain background and further identification regarding the subjects.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

NOTE: See   <sup>NR</sup> to Mr. Bates memorandum, captioned as above, dated 8/23/72, JDH:mfd.

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## 2 Hold 8 Hostages in Bank To Free a Mental Patient

By FRANK J. PRIAL

Two gunmen, apparently seeking the release of a hospital mental patient, held eight employees hostage yesterday in a Brooklyn branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank.

One of the men, reached by telephone inside the bank at Avenue P and East 3d Street, said to newsmen: "I'm gay. When I get Ernest back, then I'll release one of the hostages."

The gunman identified himself as John Wojtowicz. He said he was demanding the release of Ernest Aaron, a patient in the psychiatric ward at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, whom he described as "his wife."

Just after 7 P.M., a uniformed guard, Calvin Jones, was released by the gunmen and hurried away by the police. One report said that Ernest Aaron had been brought to the small one-story bank branch, which is in the Midwood section.

The police said the gunmen then demanded safe passage to Kennedy International Airport, saying they would take the bank manager and one woman employee with them to the airport as hostages.

The police said at 8 P.M. that they were "considering" the request from the gunmen for safe passage to Kennedy. They said they had no plans to rush the two armed men and planned "to wait them out." They said the two men were armed with a rifle, a shotgun and several pistols.

Two police lieutenants, James

McGowan and Arthur Cummings, talked to Mr. Wojtowicz outside the bank for several minutes, then held a brief news conference.

They said the gunman had demanded passage to Kennedy and an airplane. They said, too, that Mr. Wojtowicz wanted the police to "force" Ernest Aaron to accompany him in his escape.

The police officers said that the two men, Mr. Aaron and Mr. Wojtowicz had talked on the telephone and that Mr. Aaron refused to go near Mr. Wojtowicz, who, he said, might kill him.

The police said the two gunmen apparently entered the bank just before it was scheduled to close at 3 P.M. A bank employee at Chase Manhattan headquarters in the Wall Street area called the branch at about the same time. He sensed something wrong when he spoke to the manager, Robert J. Barrett, and called the police. Within minutes, the building was surrounded.

Over the telephone, Mr. Wojtowicz told newsmen that he would take the \$29,000 he and his partner had taken from the bank branch.

He said that unless his demands were met, "I'll shoot everyone in the bank. The Supreme Court will let me get away with this. There's no death penalty. It's ridiculous. I can shoot everyone here, then throw my gun down and walk out and they can't put me in the electric chair."

Throughout the bizarre incident, newsmen and the police were able to converse with the gunmen over the telephone. At one point, M. Wojtowicz told a reporter for WCBS Radio that he "was more scared than the hostages — I'm really nervous." He also said he had planned the extortion scheme while drinking "with a Chase Manhattan Bank executive in a gay bar downtown. He's going to make the arrangements for our escape," he added.

On several occasions during the evening, one of the gun-

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men, apparently Mr. Waitowicz, walked out onto Avenue P to shout at the armed policemen and wave them farther away from the building. In each instance, they complied with his demand and moved back. The identity of the other gunmen was unknown.

At about 6:25 P.M., one of the gunmen appeared in the front window. It appeared to be a signal because, immediately, three men in civilian clothes crossed the street to the door of the bank. They beckoned inside several times. When no one came out, they left.

A spokesman for Chase Manhattan said the eight hostages were Mr. Jones, the guard; Mr. Barrett, the manager, and six women. The spokesman declined to identify the women, saying that one or more of them might not be employees of the bank.

At one point, one of the gunmen brought three of the women out into the street to show that they had not been harmed.

The police roped off Avenue P from Second to Fourth Street, but hundreds of spectators watched from behind fences, from apartment windows and empty lots. The building roofs in the area were occupied by policemen with binoculars and rifles with telescopic sights.

M. David Levin, a newsman for WCBS Radio, called the bank shortly after the holdup was reported and taped this conversation with one of the robbers:

Mr. Levin: Hello, this is David Levin of WCBS Radio.

Robber: Is CBS Walter Cronkite? I like him.

Mr. Levin: "Yest it is. What are you doing?"

Robber: "Well, we were holding up a bank and were on our way out but a stupid cop car pulled up."

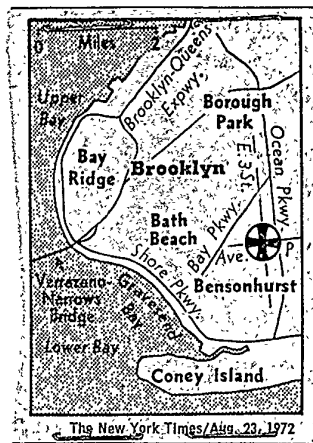
Mr. Levin: "How many people are you holding hostage?"

Robber: "Eight or nine."

Mr. Levin: "What are you doing now?"

Robber: "We're waiting to negotiate so we can get the people out of here and get out of here."

Mr. Levin: How are you armed?



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## KENNEDY AIRPORT DRAMA

# Bank Robber Killed, Hostages Unharm

By TOM DIEMER  
Associated Press

NEW YORK—FBI agents shot and killed one bank robber and captured his accomplice today at Kennedy Airport as they were heading for a private jet they had demanded for a flight out of the country. Seven hostages they had held for more than 14 hours were unharmed.

The gunmen, one a self-admitted homosexual demanding the release of his male "wife" from a mental ward, robbed a Brooklyn branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank of \$29,000 yesterday afternoon, then seized the employees when they were surprised by police before they could escape.

The dead man was not immediately identified.

### Escape Vehicles Demanded

In a bizarre drama that stretched through the night, the gunmen negotiated at length with FBI agents and police on their demands for the plane and a car to take them to the airport. A two-engine Hansa jet was brought to the airport about 2:30 a.m.

At 3:40 a.m. a limousine pulled up in front of the one-story bank and the homosexual

John Wojtowicz came out of the building with a rifle slung over his shoulder to search the car.

He finally got into the car with his accomplice, the hostages and an FBI agent for the driver. With another car leading them and 10 loaded with FBI agents following, they drove off for the airport arriving there at 4:45 a.m.

John F. Malone, special agent in charge of the FBI's New York office, told a news conference that the limousine was diverted as the plane approached, and one of the men was shot. The second gave himself up, he said.

Malone said the men were armed with a rifle and a machine gun.

The gunmen originally had seized nine hostages, but released the bank guard, Calvin Jones, three hours after the holdup. They left another hostage, a woman, when they drove off with six other women and the bank manager.

Wojtowicz had asked that his homosexual "wife," Ernest Aaron, 26, be brought from the mental ward to accompany them. Aaron was brought to the scene and talked to Wojtowicz, but told police he was afraid of him and would not go. "He doesn't love me anymore," he said.

The 13-hour drama at the bank was punctuated by several bizarre incidents. Homosexual friends of Wojtowicz came to visit him at the bank and kissed him as he stood in the doorway while a crowd of hundreds of onlookers cheered.

About 11 p.m. the gunmen got hungry and asked FBI agents to go for pizzas and soda. When they returned, the agents sampled the food before leaving it in the doorway, apparently at the gunmen's instructions.

Wojtowicz walked in and out of the bank several times during the drama to confer with police and FBI agents. At one point he sat on the fender of a parked convertible while carrying on negotiations for the car to the airport.

Newsmen were in contact with the hostages and with Wojtowicz on the bank telephone during the early hours of the drama.

"I expect to get out of here," he told a radio newsman. "I know they're going to get me sooner or later, but they've got to play it cool."

### Shooting Threatened

He warned repeatedly that he would shoot the hostages if police stormed the bank. "The Supreme Court will let me get away with this. There's no death penalty. It's ridiculous. I can shoot everyone here, then throw my gun down and walk out and they can't put me in the electric chair. You have to have a death penalty. Otherwise this can happen every day," he said.

Wojtowicz' mother came to the scene and talked to her son briefly in the doorway. He "doesn't know what he's doing," she said. "He's very harmless, not a mean kid."

Wojtowicz told a reporter he was a Vietnam veteran and was separated from his wife and two children. He said he had been married to Aaron in an "informal ceremony" in December.

The two gunmen entered the bank about 10 minutes before closing time, taking the small staff by surprise.

But an official in the bank's lower Manhattan headquarters happened to call the branch manager moments later and sensed something was wrong. He called police and the bank was surrounded within minutes.

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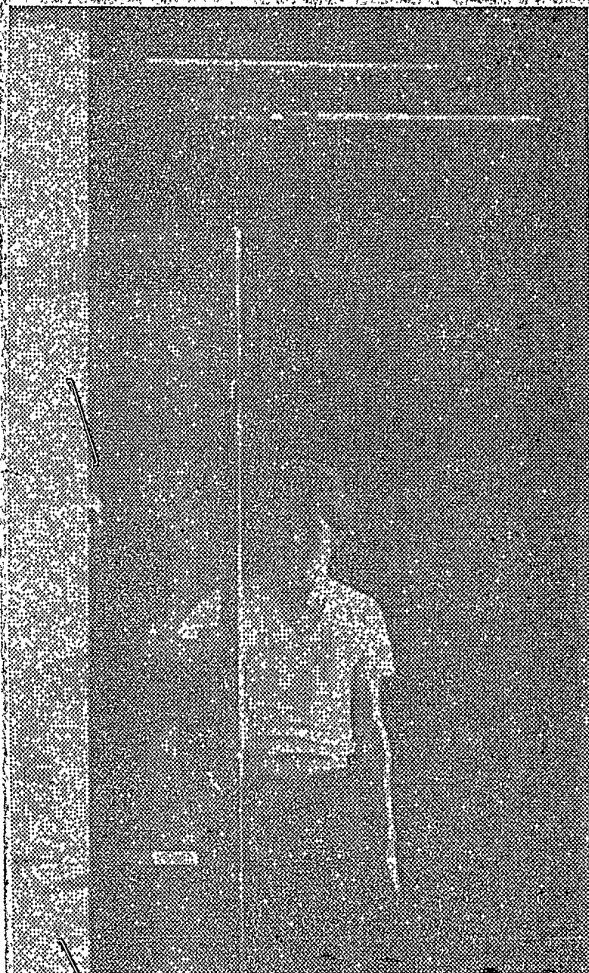
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# Bank Robber Killed, Hostages Unharmmed



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John Woztowicz, with gun in hand, at the  
door of the bank.

By DON HOLLOSCHUTZ  
United Press International

NEW YORK — Two gunmen, one a homosexual seeking a reunion with his former lover, held eight bank employees hostage for 13 hours and demanded a getaway plane, before one of the gunmen was shot to death today at Kennedy Airport.

The other gunman, the homosexual, surrendered. The hostages were released unharmmed.

An FBI agent who drove the bandits and their hostages to Kennedy Airport, shot the gunman in the chest.

Police identified the dead man as Salvatore Natrialli but said his address and age were not immediately available.

During the 15½ hour drama, John Woztowicz, the homosexual, threatened to shoot the hostages because, he said, Supreme Court decisions made him immune from the electric chair; the gunmen fed pizza to their hostages, and two of the original nine hostage bank employees were released.

The gunman was shot just as the plane was taxiing to a stop, beside the limousine which brought the bandits and their hostages to a remote airstrip at Kennedy Airport. Asst. FBI Director John F. Malone said.

The gunmen were about to board the plane when the agent received "a silent signal" to shoot, Malone said.

The drama began when the

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two gunmen, one reportedly carrying a pistol and the other a shotgun, entered a branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank in Brooklyn shortly before closing time at 3 p.m. yesterday.

During the robbery, Wojtowicz told a telephone caller, "I'll shoot everyone in the bank. The Supreme Court will let me get away with this. There's no death penalty. It's ridiculous. I can shoot everyone here, then throw my gun down and walk out and they can't put me in the electric chair. You have to have a death penalty otherwise this can happen every day."

Almost immediately after the gunmen entered the bank, an official of the bank's headquarters had, by chance, called the branch. When the manager, Robert J. Barrett, talked in a manner the consid-

ered unusual, the official called police.

Police cars pulled up to the doors just as the gunmen were about to leave. Trapped in the bank, the gunmen herded together nine hostages, all bank employees. Then began long negotiations with FBI agents and police.

The gunmen negotiated through the night with FBI agents and police on their demands for the plane and a car to take them to the airport. A two-engine Hansa jet was brought to the airport about 2:30 a.m., according to the Associated Press.

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The captives were identified

as Robert Barrett, 43, the bank manager, and Joan Saunders, Santa Strazzella, Maureen Andrews, Dolores Geotfeshien, Cathy Moore, and Shirley Ball. All the women live in Brooklyn.

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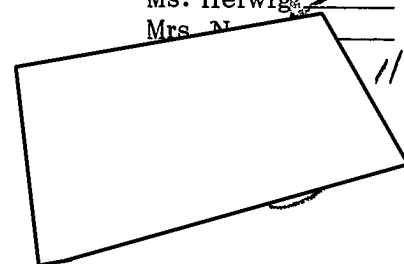
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BY DON HOLLOSCHUTZ

NEW YORK (UPI)--A BIZARRE DRAMA WHICH BEGAN AS A BANK ROBBERY ENDED TODAY WHEN AN FBI AGENT SHOT AND KILLED ONE OF TWO GUNMEN AS THEY AND THEIR SEVEN HOSTAGES MET A WAITING PLANE AT KENNEDY AIRPORT. THE OTHER GUNMAN, A HOMOSEXUAL WHO AT ONE POINT DEMANDED A REUNION WITH HIS UNWILLING, MALE, FORMER LOVER, SURRENDERED. THE HOSTAGES WERE RELEASED UNHARMED.

AN FBI AGENT WHO DROVE THE BANDITS AND THEIR HOSTAGES TO KENNEDY AIRPORT SHOT THE GUNMAN IN THE CHEST.

DURING THE 15-1/2 HOUR DRAMA, THE HOMOSEXUAL THREATENED TO SHOOT THE HOSTAGES BECAUSE, HE SAID, SUPREME COURT DECISIONS MADE HIM IMMUNE FROM THE ELECTRIC CHAIR; THE GUNMEN FED PIZZA TO THEIR HOSTAGES; AND TWO OF THE ORIGINAL NINE HOSTAGE BANK EMPLOYEES WERE RELEASED.

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THE GUNMAN WAS SHOT JUST AS THE PLANE WAS TAXIING TO A STOP BESIDE THE LIMOUSINE WHICH BROUGHT THE BANDITS AND THEIR HOSTAGES TO A REMOTE AIRSTRIP AT KENNEDY AIRPORT, SAID ASSISTANT FBI DIRECTOR JOHN F. MALONE.

THE GUNMEN WERE ABOUT TO BOARD THE PLANE WHEN THE AGENT RECEIVED "A SILENT SIGNAL" TO SHOOT, MALONE SAID.

THE DRAMA BEGAN WHEN THE TWO GUNMEN, ONE REPORTEDLY CARRYING A PISTOL AND THE OTHER A SHOTGUN, ENTERED A BRANCH OF THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK IN BROOKLYN SHORTLY BEFORE CLOSING TIME AT 3 P.M. EDT TUESDAY.

IT STARTED MOVING TOWARD AN END WHEN, AT THE INSISTENCE OF THE GUNMEN WHO NEGOTIATED WITH POLICE FOR ALMOST 13 HOURS, AN AIRPORT LIMOUSINE PULLED UP TO THE BANK AT ABOUT 4 A.M. EDT TODAY. LEAVING BEHIND ONE WOMAN HOSTAGE, THE GUNMEN HERDED SIX WOMEN AND ONE MAN INTO THE LIMOUSINE, AND IT PULLED AWAY, BOUND FOR A PRIVATE JET FLOWN TO KENNEDY AIRPORT FROM WESTCHESTER AIRPORT TO THE NORTH.

SEVERAL CARS FILLED WITH FBI AGENTS FOLLOWED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BANK SAID HE ASSUMED THE GUNMEN TOOK WITH THEM SOME OF THE \$29,000 THAT CONSTITUTED THE BANK'S ENTIRE CASH RESERVE AT THE TIME OF THE ROBBERY, THOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW HOW MUCH.

ONE OF THE HOSTAGES TAKEN TO THE AIRPORT, JOAN SAUNDERS, A TELLER AT THE BANK, SAID THAT, WHEN THE GUNMEN FIRST ENTERED, "I THOUGHT THEY'D JUST TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN." CLINGING TO THE ARM OF HER FATHER CLYDE SAUNDERS, SHE SAID, "I NEVER THOUGHT ANYTHING LIKE THIS WOULD EVER HAPPEN."

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# INSTRUCTIONS

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1. **Caution (MKE)** - Insert "C" in block if caution statement indicated. Basis for caution statement must appear in Miscellaneous block, e.g. armed and dangerous.
2. **Name (NAM)** - Place name in this block. Aliases are not to be entered in this block but are to be placed in Aliases block.
3. **Sex (SEX)** - Sex will be designated by one letter, M (male) or F (female).
4. **Race (RAC)** - Race will be described by one letter, W (white), N (Negro), I (Indian), C (Chinese), J (Japanese), O (all other). Mexicans who are not definitely Indian or other non-white should be described as "W".
5. **Birthplace (NAT)** - Indicate city and state or, if foreign born, city and country. Where multiple birthplaces are reported, list verified birthplace or that which appears most logical in this block.
6. **Birth Date (DOB)** - Enter as month, day and year. Where multiple birth dates are reported, enter verified birth date or that which appears most logical in this block. Place other dates of birth in Additional Identifiers block.
7. **Height (HGT)** - Express in feet and inches, e.g., 6' 0". Round off fractions to nearest inch.
8. **Weight (WGT)** - Express in pounds. Omit fractions.
9. **Hair (HAI)** - Color hair to be described as BK (black), BR (brown), BN (blond or strawberry blond), RD (red or auburn), WH (white), GY (gray or partially gray), SN (sandy), XX (unknown), OO (bald). (If hair present and balding, code hair color and enter "balding" in Miscellaneous block).
10. **Eyes** - Indicate color of eyes.
11. **Visible Scars, Marks, Tattoos, etc. (VSM)** - Place in this block only appropriate NCIC coding for visible scars, marks, tattoos, birthmarks, deformities, missing body parts and artificial body parts as defined in NCIC Operating Manual. If more than one VSM is to be entered, use Additional Identifiers block for additional appropriately coded items. Use Miscellaneous block to describe all scars, marks, tattoos, etc. which are not defined in the NCIC Operating Manual and to more fully describe VSM's which have been entered in VSM block. For example, an appendectomy scar, not being readily visible, would be described in the Miscellaneous block. A tattoo on right arm, shown as TAT R ARM in VSM block, might be further described in Miscellaneous block as a rose tattoo on inside of lower right arm.
12. **NCIC Fingerprint Classification (FPC)** - Enter NCIC fingerprint classification.
13. **Other Identifying Number (MNU)** - Miscellaneous numbers may be entered with appropriate identifiers (prefixes) as shown below. For first miscellaneous identifying number, use MNU block. When military service number is in fact Social Security Account Number, the number should be entered in both MNU and SOC blocks. Additional identifying numbers are placed in Additional Identifiers block. The identifier (prefix) should precede the number and be separated from the number by use of a hyphen.
  - AF - Air Force Serial Number
  - AR - Alien Registration Number
  - AS - Army Serial Number, National Guard Serial Number or Air National Guard Serial Number (regardless of State)
  - CG - U. S. Coast Guard Serial Number
  - MD - Mariner's Document or Identification Number
  - MC - Marine Corps Serial Number
  - MP - Royal Canadian Mounted Police Identification Number
  - NS - Navy Serial Number
  - PP - Passport Number
  - PS - Port Security Card Number
  - SS - Selective Service Number
  - VA - Veterans Administration Claim Number
14. **Fingerprint classification (Henry System)** - The Henry System fingerprint classification is to be placed in this block, when available. Do not enter in NCIC.
15. **Social Security Number (SOC)** - Place subject's Social Security Account Number in this block.
16. **Operator's License Number** - Place subject's operator's license number in OLN block. Also show licensing state (QLS) and year license expires (OLY).
17. **Warrant Issued By-On-(DOW)** - In Escaped Federal Prisoner cases enter date of escape in DOW block.
18. **Miscellaneous (MIS)** - Enter additional pertinent information in this block. If caution statement used, basis for statement must be set forth as first item in this block.
19. **License Plate and Vehicle Information** - Place information concerning license plate and/or vehicle known to be in the possession of subject in appropriate blocks under License Plate and Vehicle Information heading.
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# Bandits Trapped in Bank, Hold Eight

By PAUL MESKIL

A stickup team held eight hostages—six women and two men—in a Brooklyn bank late yesterday afternoon as heavily armed police surrounded the building, prepared for a shootout.

NEWS reporter Edward Kirkman phoned the bank and obtained a dramatic interview with the bandit chief, who vowed to kill all the hostages if the cops crashed in.

The gang leader, who identified himself simply as John, said that he and a "couple more" gunmen, armed with shotguns, a .308 British Enfield rifle and a bomb, invaded the Chase Manhattan Bank at Avenue P and E Third St. just before the 3 p.m. closing time.

## "We Got \$29,000"

"We got information from a man downtown—an employee in the bank's main branch—that we could get between \$100,000 and \$200,000 in this branch if we hit it at 5 to 3 today," he said.

"We waited while the customers all came out. The last one was a lady carrying a baby. Then we pulled out our guns and stuck up the place. We got \$29,000.

"We were just about to go out when the stupid cops pulled up in front of the bank. Can you imagine pulling a radio car in front of the door of a bank being stuck up. Everything would have been all right if they had come a couple minutes later.

"We ordered the bank workers—six women and two men including a guard—into a small room. The cops surrounded the bank. We could see them. I told the lieutenant that if they tried to crash in, the people are dead.

## "What Have I Got to Lose?"

"Yeah, I think I could kill them. What have I got to lose? The Supreme Court did away with the chair. I can kill them all and when the cops come in, just throw down my guns and sur-

render. What have I got to lose?

"I'm a homosexual. I told the cops to get my wife—he's a male, his name is Ernest Aron—from Kings County Hospital. He's in G Building there. I was supposed to pick him up today.

"I told them if they bring him here I'll release half the hostages out the back door. Then we'll negotiate. What the hell have they got to lose? We know they'll catch us eventually but we'll stop and talk and maybe release a few hostages at a time until we get where we're going.

"No, I won't tell you where. When we get there, the cops can kill us then. I'm not afraid to die. Why would I have pulled this job if I was? But I think we'll get out unless the cops rush us.

If they fire a shot, we'll re-

turn it and everybody will be dead.

As John spoke, the bank was surrounded by more than 100 uniformed police and detectives with bulletproof vests and shotguns. They crouched behind cars and whatever cover was available, all aiming their guns at the one-story bank. Police marksmen also climbed onto the bank roof and the roofs of adjoining buildings.

Dino Marino, owner of Dino's Hair Stylists, across the street from the bank, said police would not let him leave his shop for fear the shooting would start. Owners and employees of other stores on the block also were told to lock their doors and stay in the back rooms, Marino said he could see a man with a shotgun in a bank window.

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## Two Homosexuals Hold 8 Hostage in N.Y. Bank

From News Dispatches

NEW YORK, Aug. 22—Two men police described as homosexuals took over a Brooklyn branch bank today and held eight persons hostage for hours at gunpoint.

They obtained the release of a fellow homosexual from the psychiatric ward of a hospital and demanded a plane to fly the three of them out of Kennedy Airport.

However, Ernest Aarons, described by one of the gunmen, John Wojtowicz, as his "wife," balked at going along, saying he feared his self-styled husband because "he doesn't love me anymore."

Eventually, one bank guard was released, leaving as hostages a man and six women; the gunmen proposed to take one woman and the bank manager, Robert Barrett with them on the plane as hostages.

At another point, several of the more than 200 policemen surrounding the bank acceded

to a demand they drop their guns.

Whereupon, one of the gunmen, in sleeveless white tee shirt and black trousers walked out of the small branch bank, shook hands with two patrolmen and walked back in again.

Wojtowicz told interviewers over a telephone from the bank:

"We know they'll catch us eventually, but we'll stop and talk and maybe release a few hostages at a time until we get where we're going. I won't tell you where."

The drama began as an apparently simple robbery of the Sheepshead Bay branch of the Chase Manhattan bank in Brooklyn. Wojtowicz boasted that "we got \$29,000."

But when the men were trapped by the arrival of police, they began evolving escape plans, eventually deciding on a plane flight out of Kennedy.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM NEW YORK 91-12002 (P) 2P

CHANGED SALVATORE NATURALE AKA (DECEASED); JOHN S.  
WOJTOWICZ; [REDACTED] AKA-FUGITIVE; CHASE

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CHASE MANHATTAN BANK

450 AVENUE P

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

8/22/72

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ReNYtel to Bureau, dated 8/24/72.

For the information of the Bureau, on 8/24/72 [redacted]  
[redacted] appeared before United States Magistrate MAX  
SCHIFFMAN, EDNY, for arraignment. [redacted] remanded to the  
custody of United States Marshal, EDNY, in lieu of \$50,000  
cash. AUSA EDWARD BOYD handled arraignment.

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AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. Will follow and report results  
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This is the bank robbery case in which two armed subjects entered a Chase Manhattan Bank Office, Brooklyn, New York, 8/22/72, and held employees hostage until early morning 8/23/72, at which time they were afforded transportation as demanded to John F. Kennedy International Airport, where one subject was killed by a Bureau Agent. The other subject was apprehended by FBI Agents. Attached advises that a third subject, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has been identified as involved in the conspiracy and was on 8/23/72, charged with violation of the Federal Bank Robbery Statute. Investigation has failed to indicate the involvement of any Chase Manhattan bank official as previously alleged by the press. New York advises [REDACTED] was arrested 8/24/72, and is in Federal custody. New York also advised that loot recovered from the limousine at the airport, 8/23/72, totaled over \$32,000 in cash. Also, between \$150,000 and \$175,000 worth of blank travelers checks were recovered. These are being counted by our New York Office to determine the exact amount.

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1121AM URGENT 3-24-72 JPM

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

ATTENTION GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK (91-12552)

CHANGED SALVATORE NATURALE AKA DONALD MATTERSON  
(DECEASED); JOHN WOJCIOWICZ; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FUGITIVE: CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, FOUR FIFTY  
AVENUE P, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, EIGHT TWENTY TWO SEVENTY TWO  
BANK ROBBERY, NEW YORK.

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ROBBERY AND HIS FUGITIVE STATUS.

CONTINUING INVESTIGATION CAPTIONED CASE HAS DETERMINED  
[REDACTED] CONSPIRED TO ROB BANK WITH OTHER CAPTIONED  
SUBJECTS, AND CARRIED WEAPONS INTO BANK WITH OTHER ROBBERS  
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NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPT.  
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY EASTERN DISTRICT OF N.Y.  
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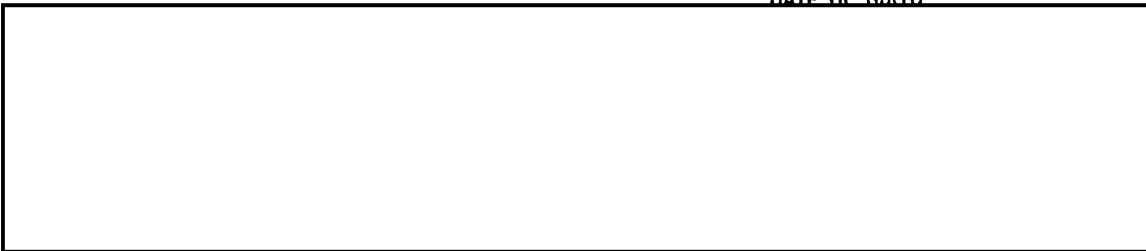
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INVESTIGATION TO DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING  
INTERVIEW OF WOJTOWICZ, DOES NOT INDICATE THE INVOLVEMENT  
OF ANY OFFICIAL CHASE MANHATTAN BANK.  
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MR. CLEVELAND  
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TO: SAC, New York (91-12002)

8/29/72

FROM: Acting Director, FBI

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**CHANGED**

**JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ;  
AND OTHERS  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
450 AVENUE P  
BROOKLYN NEW YORK  
8/22/72  
BANK ROBBERY**

New York will note that the Bureau has changed the title of this case to delete the deceased subject, Salvatore Naturale.

The Bureau desires that New York prepare a detailed critique of the methods used by New York Agents in bringing this case to a successful conclusion on the morning of 8/23/72. The situation involved armed subjects who took a number of hostages into their custody at captioned bank and demanded jet air transportation from John F. Kennedy International Airport. The circumstances involved bank robbery and what would have been aircraft piracy if subjects had been allowed to carry out their plans.

Following a review of New York's critique, the Bureau anticipates disseminating it to all field offices for information purposes, in the event other offices are confronted with similar problems.

Suairtel, with two copies of the critique as enclosures, to reach the Bureau within ten days upon receipt of instant airtel.

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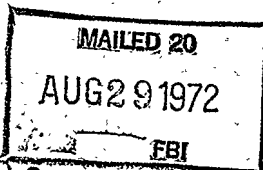
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NOTE: Subjects in this case entered captioned bank on afternoon of 8/22/72, and held several bank employees hostage, while they demanded transportation to John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA) and the availability of a jet aircraft at JFKIA. They left the bank at approximately 4:15 a.m., 8/23/72, taking six hostages with them. They were furnished limousine transportation, a New York Agent being the driver. Upon arrival at the airport, subject Salvatore Naturale was fatally shot by the Agent driver and subject Wojtowicz surrendered. It is noted that Naturale had a shot gun aimed at the Agent and Wojtowicz was armed with a rifle. The entire handling of this matter required the utmost discretion and professionalism in all respects, considering that the safety of hostages had to be the number one concern. New York handled the situation with extreme competence, resulting in the swift solution of the case without injury to any persons with the exception of Naturale. It is felt the manner in which New York handled this case may be of value to other field offices. The Bureau has in the past disseminated to all field offices modus operandi employed by field offices regarding aircraft hijacking cases.

## Incongruities of Ordeal Recounted by Hostages

Within hours after their 14-hour ordeal ended yesterday morning, hostages detained by the two bank robbers described their captivity as a bizarre experience filled with as much laughter as tears.

The hostages at the bank, a Chase Manhattan branch in Brooklyn, told how they were asked to decide what countries they wanted to go to on the plane the robbers had demanded. The hostages were to have accompanied their captors on the plane.

One hostage said that John Wojtowicz insisted on paying for a pizza that he and his accomplice in the robbery had ordered with \$2,000 they took in the initial robbery.

Another told how Salvatore Nataurale continued to insist that he, unlike his partner, was not a homosexual.

### Robbers Were Considerate

Interviews with four of the hostages disclosed unanimity on how considerately they had been treated. They said they were allowed to make phone calls and were given unlimited access to the bathroom.

At one point, one of the hostages said, the robbers suggested that their captives draw lots to see who would be released first.

"It was crazy," said Mrs. Shirley Ball, a 52-year-old part-time teller at the bank. "We cried, we laughed and joked. We took it as it came."

Maureen Andrews, a 29-year-old teller, said everyone was very fatalistic. She added, "We never really thought we'd be harmed because the gunmen treated us so nicely."

Visibly tired and saying she was still numb, Mrs. Ball said in her Sheepshead Bay apartment that for much of her captivity the mood was "like we were having a party."

### Money Needed for Friend

Referring to her captors as Sal and John, she said that John had told her he needed the robbery money so that his homosexual lover could have a sex-change operation in Denmark.

"As confident as I was," she continued, "there were moments I knew the gunmen were nuts and maybe I should have been scared, but we were all one happy family."

Mrs. Ball, who works at the bank two days a week, said that after the two men had ordered a pizza she went out to get it with John, who, she said, took \$2,000 in stolen bills

and showered them on the F.B.I. agent who brought the pizza.

"But then he wouldn't eat it because he thought it was doped with knockout drops," she said.

"John asked me if I wanted to go to Moscow," she recalled, adding that she told him no.

"Then how about Tel Aviv?" she quoted him as having asked. She said no destination was ever decided on.

### Teller Became Sick

Mrs. Ball said that in the early morning Josephine Tutino, a young teller, became ill, apparently from shock and tension. Though she was placed in the limousine to go to the airport, Miss Tutino was let out by her captors.

A few hours later, Miss Tutino was under sedation at her home. A brother there quoted her as having said that she had been treated well and had been sorry to learn that one of the gunmen had been killed.

Another hostage, Mrs. Dolores Goettisheim, the assistant manager of the bank, said she was the one Wojtowicz approached, saying that "this is a stickup."

She praised Robert J. Barrett, the bank manager. "He kept insisting that they keep him as hostage alone and he refused to participate in the lottery that was held to see who would be let off first," she said. Mr. Barrett could not be reached for comment yesterday.

All the hostages spoke of incongruities. Mrs. Ball remembered that five women were put in a room where the robbers had left a rifle and a shotgun.

### None Familiar With Guns

"None of us knew how to use those things," she said. "If we had a man with us, maybe there would have been a different ending."

Mrs. Ball said the robbers were gratified to see the F.B.I. agent who was to drive them to the airport. She said the agent introduced himself only as Murphy.

At the airport, she said, there was a 15-minute wait at the runway before the plane came into view. Then she said she heard what sounded to her like the pop of a flashbulb.

"The next thing I saw," she said, "was Murphy with his hand on Sal's gun. Murphy yelled 'freeze' to John, at which point John said, 'Don't shoot, I give up.'"

She recalled that Sal "was still alive" as she was being escorted out of the bank.

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# To Crooks, It's All Pies in Sky

By ELLEN FLEYSHER

When the two Brooklyn bank robbers headed for Kennedy Airport with their seven hostages early yesterday morning, they left behind some of the world's most expensive pizza pies.

The ~~three~~ <sup>stale</sup> pies, perhaps the first in history to be delivered by the FBI, arrived at the bank around 10 p.m. Tuesday, seven hours after the gunmen seized the Chase Manhattan branch at Avenue P and E. Third St.

With an utter disregard for the value of a dollar, one of the bandits had tossed out on the sidewalk a fistful of bills, apparently in payment for the pies. The bills totaled \$1,099.

Michael Calandra, vice president of the bank's Brooklyn division, said: "They were big tippers."

Calandra was among the 12 bank employees who entered the branch to appraise the situation as soon as the robbers and hostages departed.

"As soon as the police left, we were in there," he said, adding that the place looked rather disheveled. "It could have been a lot worse—there was no damage. Certain records had been thrown around and there were those stale pizzas. I guess they apparently lost their appetites."

The bank was closed yesterday so that Calandra and other employees, none of whom got any sleep Tuesday night, could complete their audit.

"You don't ever like to see a situation like this," Calandra commented, "but the way the people in the neighborhood stores rallied around the bank people was very nice. It was a long ordeal requiring an awful lot of courage from everyone inside. And nobody panicked. It's sure good to know we have community support."

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# Near Bank, the Mother of a Gunman and the Mother of a Hostage Shared Nightmare Thousands of Residents Keep an All-Night Vigil

31 BY JOSEPH P. FRIED

Mrs. Theresa Wojtowicz and Mrs. Clyde Saunders had never met before, but for one agony-filled night, the two women were bound up in a nightmare of fear and suspense that unfolded late Tuesday and early yesterday at Avenue P and East Third Street in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn.

Mrs. Wojtowicz is the mother of 27-year-old John Wojtowicz, identified as one of two gunmen who held nine employees hostage in a branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank at the Brooklyn intersection. Mrs. Saunders is the mother of 20-year-old Joan Saunders, one of the hostages.

With other relatives and friends of Wojtowicz and the hostages, the two women had joined 150 policemen and Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, more than 1,000 curious civilians and a score of newsmen in keeping an all-night vigil in the streets and shops around the beleaguered bank.

For the police, the F.B.I. agents and the newsmen, it was a bizarre night's work. For the others it was a night of excitement in a usually quiet neighborhood of middle-class residences and small shops.

## Tense Experience

But for Mrs. Wojtowicz, Mrs. Saunders and the other relatives of those said to have been inside the bank—at both ends of the gun barrels—it was a night of steadily mounting tension and frustration.

Their pent-up feelings and fears finally overcame them shortly after 4 A.M.

At that point the two rifle-carrying robbers—the second has been identified as 18-year-old Salvatore Natuarale—rushed seven of the hostages out of the bank, past the non-interfering policemen and Federal agents, and into an airport limousine that the gunmen had demanded to take them and their hostages to Kennedy International Airport.

Mrs. Saunders had prayed earlier that her daughter and the other hostages would be released safely at the bank. But now, with her daughter being sped away to Kennedy, the 40-year-old woman's fears got the best of her and she broke into hysterical crying on the street near the bank.

"Oh Lord Father, what is this? Oh Lord Jesus, this is too much! Oh Lord, have mercy!" she sobbed while family members sought to comfort her and led her inside a barbershop, where relatives and friends of those involved in the bank drama had been gathering all night.

Mrs. Wojtowicz had also hoped for a safe ending for her son. As the limousine with the gunmen and hostages raced away, a caravan of police and F.B.I. cars in pursuit, the middle-aged woman clenched her fists and stood on the sidewalk.

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as if in shock.

Later, according to Patrolman Arthur Kerins, who escorted her and members of her family home, she began crying in the car. At her home, at 612 Flatbush Avenue, she would later learn that the gunman identified as her son—a Vietnam veteran who said he was a homosexual—had been captured unhurt at Kennedy while the second gunman had been killed by an F.B.I. agent.

Mrs. Saunders, herself a bank employee—a file clerk with Chemical Bank—would later learn that her daughter, too, had emerged unhurt, as had the other hostages. Her daughter, a student at the College of White Plains, works as a part-time Chase Manhattan teller during the summer and lives at the family home at 69 Seventh Avenue in Brooklyn's Park Slope section.

"I've been here 21 years and I've never seen anything like this," said Anthony Finizio, owner of the Palestinian Barber shop, down Avenue P from the bank, said after the action had finally switched from the bank area to Kennedy Airport.

Mr. Finizio had been asked by the police to keep his shop open past its normal 6 P.M. closing time so that they could use it as a base of operations and so that relatives and friends of the gunmen and the hostages could keep their vigil there.

The comings and goings in the sweltering barbershop—the police had marked one phone "Mayor's hot line" and people were told not to use it—were as foreign to the normal operations of Mr. Finizio's shop as the night's surrealistic saga was to the neighborhood generally.

Avenue P in the area of Third Street is a street of small apartment buildings, private homes and assorted commercial establishments that include insurance and travel-agency offices, a candy store and pizza parlor, a catering company and a kosher butchershop.

Beginning around 3 P.M. Tuesday, when the Chase Manhattan incident started, the street took on the combined flavor of a military occupation, given it by the mass of uniformed policemen and their equipment, and a carnival, imparted by the crowd of curiosity seekers straining behind police ropes set up after traffic had been diverted.

Other spectators, living in apartments overlooking the bank, had second-story and third-story views of the 14 hours of events at the Flatbush intersection, which finally ended when the gunmen and hostages, bound for Kennedy Airport, roared off toward the Belt Parkway at 4:15 A.M. yesterday, the police and F.B.I. caravan gunning its motors behind them.

# FBI Shots Save 7 Held By Robber, Gay Partner

By John J. Goldman  
Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK, Aug. 23—A 15-hour ordeal for seven hostages ended just before dawn today on a runway at Kennedy International Airport when FBI agents shot one bank robber to death and captured his homosexual accomplice.

It brought to a close one of the most bizarre and dramatic sieges in recent memory in New York City. At one point during the strange case, one of the robbers took to the telephone to denounce the U.S. Supreme Court for being too lenient toward killers.

At another point the robber, who identified himself as John Wojtowicz, strolled, shotgun in hand, out of a Brooklyn bank where he and his companion were trapped with nine hostages, to argue in the middle of the street with police.

Later, to everyone's amazement, Wojtowicz, the self-described homosexual, returned to the street, unarmed, to shake hands with one of the officers. At another point, he sent the police for pizza and paid for it with the money he had just stolen.

Throughout a good part of it all, Wojtowicz, the hostages and the bank's manager kept up a running commentary with newsmen.

It all began, police and the FBI said, when Wojtowicz and his companion, armed with a revolver, a shotgun and a hunting rifle, held up a small branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank at Avenue P and East Third Street in Brooklyn just before the 3 p.m. closing time Tuesday.

They scooped \$29,000 into an attache case, but panicked when a police car suddenly pulled up in front of the bank. The police had been summoned when the bank's manager made it appear in a telephone conversation that something was amiss.

With their getaway bungled, the two robbers settled in for a long siege. During the stand-off, more than 100 heavily armed policemen, dozens of FBI agents, a priest and relatives of the robbers stood by. A police helicopter circled over the one-story bank.

Behind rope barricades, thousands of the curious watched—men who had just ridden the subway home from

work, mothers with their children, kids who normally would be at play.

Wojtowicz, 27, said he would release one of the hostages if his male "wife" were brought from the psychiatric ward of nearby Kings County Hospital. This man, dressed in a hospital gown, was brought to the bank but refused to go inside, claiming he feared Wojtowicz would kill him.

As the drama unfolded through the night, the crowds outside the bank—10,000 at their peak—alternately booed and cheered. Sometimes they taunted the robbers with shouts of "Come out, come out!"

From inside the bank, one hostage reported, "we're too busy trying to keep one another in good shape."

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"I'll shoot everyone in the bank," Wojtowicz told newsmen by phone. "The Supreme Court will let me get away with this. There's no death penalty. It's ridiculous. I can shoot everyone here then throw my gun down and walk out and they can't put me in the electric chair—you have to have a death penalty, otherwise this can happen every day."

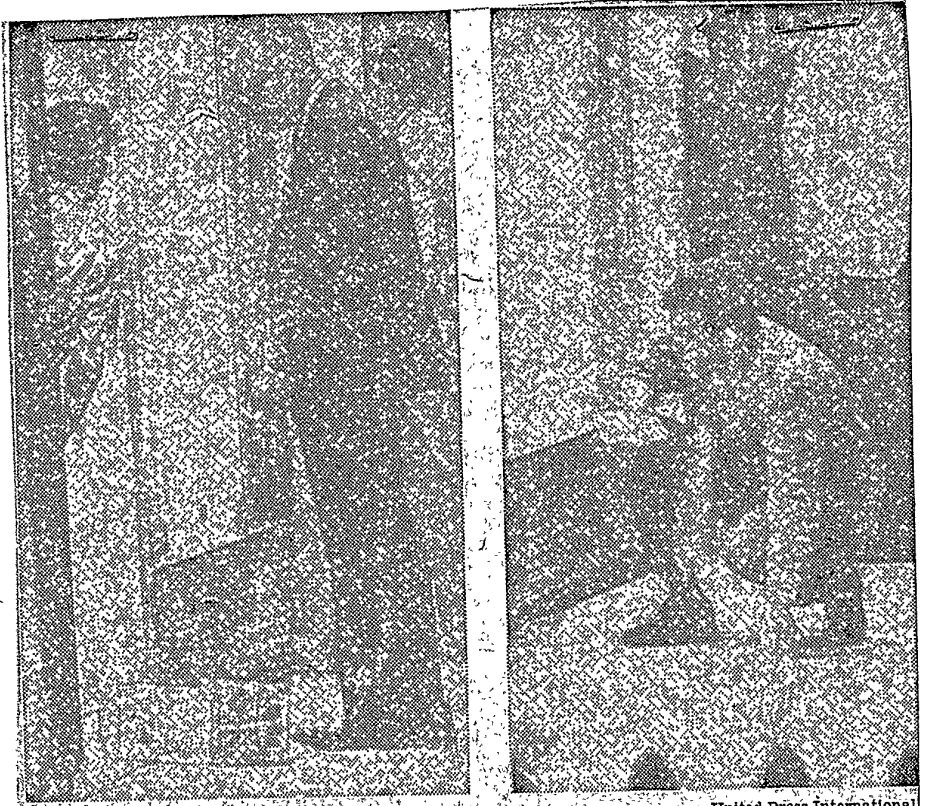
After about three hours into the siege, a guard, Calvin Jones, was released.

And finally, in the early hours of today, another hostage was freed. With their seven remaining prisoners, the gunmen piled into a limousine driven by an FBI agent for the trip to Kennedy International Airport. The robbers had de-

manded a twin-jet for their get-away.

On the runway, at a prearranged signal, the FBI agent driving the car opened fire, mortally wounding Wojtowicz's companion, who was tentatively identified as Salvatore Naturelle, 26. He died in the emergency room of a nearby hospital.

Wojtowicz jumped from the car and surrendered to other FBI agents. None of the hostages was harmed. Wojtowicz, who is unemployed, was held in \$250,000 bail on charges of bank robbery and abduction.



United Press International  
An unidentified FBI agent delivers a requested pizza to robbery suspect John Wojtowicz as the suspect holds eight persons hostage inside a Brooklyn bank. At right, another agent picks up money meant to pay for the victuals.





Associated Press

Rifle slung on his shoulder, John Wojtowicz inspects the airport bus he demanded for use in transporting himself and a fellow gunman during an alleged robbery.

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## 1 ROBBERY MOST BIZARRE

Two armed homos held up a Brooklyn bank Tuesday and engaged in a 15-hour marathon of terror, haggling and interview-giving before patient police and FBI men outwaited, out-planned and out-shot them.

One robber, Donald Matterson, was killed by an FBI man. The other, John Wojtowicz, was collared (and seven hostages released unharmed) at Kennedy Airport.

At one point during the siege, Wojtowicz talked on the phone with NEWS reporter Edward Kirkman, and proved that even a kook and a knave can let drop an occasional pearl of wisdom. Asked if he could kill hostages, Wojtowicz replied he could, and added:

"The Supreme Court will let me get away with this. There's no death penalty. It's ridiculous. I can shoot everyone here, then throw my gun down and walk out, and they can't put me in the electric chair. You have to have a death penalty. Otherwise this can happen every day."

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*Mr. Bishop*  
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## Real-Life Death

There must be some 1,000 bystanders who cheered on the lyn bank robbery Tuesday seemed watching a diverting movie or television. A larger group of New Yorkers appeared to record number of homicides in New York Monday as a statistic comparable in significance to the high and low temperatures and stock market averages.

It is clearly not just the children who need to be protected from depiction of violence on television and neighborhood movie screens. Record-breaking statistic or not, Monday's murders brought the abrupt end of thirteen human lives in our midst. Seven bank employees held hostage by men armed gunmen were in danger of death, and not a week's episode.

When portrayed as a macabre become commonplace, even incidents in fantasy. The most basic sensitivities of human beings toward life and each other.

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# HUNT 'INSIDER' IN BANK HOLDUP

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## FBI Kills Bandit, Nabs

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# An Insider Is Sought in Bank Holdup

## FBI Agent Kills Bandit at JFK And 2d Thug Is Nabbed

By PAUL MESKIL

Police and FBI agents are checking a report that a Chase Manhattan executive masterminded the Brooklyn bank stickup in which one bandit was shot dead and another gave up yesterday after holding hostages at gunpoint for 15 hours.

Detectives and G-men also are looking for a third member of the holdup team, who apparently fled when cops trapped his two companions inside the Chase Manhattan branch at Avenue P. and E. third St.

After a night-long siege, federal agents and police escorted the bank bandits to Kennedy Airport on their demand, along with the manager of the branch and six women employees. There, on a remote runway, an FBI agent killed one of the gunmen and the other surrendered. None of the hostages was harmed.

The slain bandit was identified yesterday afternoon as Donald Matterson, 18, whose police record lists his addresses as 254 W. 25th St. in Manhattan and 194 Academy St. in Jersey City.

### Held in \$250,000 Bail

The captured gunman, John Wojtowicz, 27, an admitted homosexual who was "married" to another man, was arraigned in Brooklyn Federal Court and held in \$250,000 bail on charges of armed bank robbery and abducting hostages.

While trapped in the bank, Wojtowicz talked to newsmen by telephone and told them the stickup had been plotted by a Chase Manhattan executive who worked in the bank's headquarters.

Wojtowicz, who has been a bank teller, said he met the Chase Manhattan exec in a gay bar in

Greenwich Village. He said the bank official told him "we could get between \$100,000 and \$200,000" at the Brooklyn branch and advised him to hit it at the 3 p.m. closing time. The exec reportedly said that an armored truck would call at the bank around 3:30 p.m. to pick up the money.

But when they got there, the bandits found they were too late. The armored truck had made a morning pickup.

In his phone conversation with Wojtowicz shortly after the siege began, News reporter Edward Kirkman asked him for the name of the bank official who allegedly set up the robbery. "I won't tell you," the bandit replied, "because I'll use that for negotiating with the police."

### She Says There Were Three

Investigators at first thought that only two gunmen took part in the heist. But Dolores Goetisheim, assistant manager of the Brooklyn branch, said that three young men walked into the bank just before 3 p.m. Monday, after all the customers had left.

One of them carried a "large package" which he placed on the

bank floor. Then he walked out. His companions opened the paper-wrapped bundle and took out a snub-nosed .38-caliber revolver, a shotgun and a high-powered rifle. They stuck up bank manager Robert Barrett, guard Calvin Jones, Miss Goetisheim and six women tellers and clerical workers.

The bandits seemed to be disappointed to find only \$20,000 cash on hand. They stacked the

bills in an attache case and were about to leave when a police car pulled up in front of the bank. The robbers locked the front and rear doors. Then more cops arrived and the siege was on.

The third member of the holdup gang apparently was waiting around the corner in a getaway car rented by Wojtowicz under his real name. When police got there, the lookout took off on foot, leaving the car and his buddies.

More than 200 cops and FBI agents surrounded the building. The police were armed with rifles, shotguns, machine guns and tear gas guns. Marksmen covered the bank entrances from behind cars and from the rooftops of buildings across the street. Ambulances and doctors stood by.

Finally after tense hours of waiting and negotiating through the bank doors, the bandits demanded a jet plane to fly them to Canada. The FBI arranged to have a small, 12-seat jet ready at Kennedy Airport. But the G-men did not intend to let the bandits fly away.

A nine-passenger limousine arrived at the bank shortly before 4 a.m. The bandits had released the bank guard several hours earlier as a sign of good faith and now they let one of the women hostages go. They herded the six other women employees and manager Barrett into the limousine at gunpoint. Barrett carried the case with the \$29,000.

#### Gun Strapped to Ankle

The limousine was driven by an FBI agent who had a small pistol strapped to his ankle. Wojtowicz frisked him but failed to find the gun. A careful of FBI officials preceded the limousine to the airport and about 20 cars full of police and G-men followed.

A two-engine jet was waiting on runway 22R at the Southern end of the airport. The limousine pulled onto the runway around 5:20 and stopped near the plane.

As Matterson held a shotgun to the driver's head, Wojtowicz leveled the rifle at the hostages and ordered them out of the limousine. An FBI official approached to talk to the bandits.

Then, at a signal from another agent, the driver pulled his pistol, whirled around in the front seat, knocked the shotgun barrel aside and shot Matterson in the chest, killing him almost instantly. Other FBI men grabbed Wojtowicz, who dropped his gun and surrendered.

During the long siege at the bank, Wojtowicz had demanded to see his homosexual "wife," Ernest Varon, a mental patient at Kings County Hospital. Aaron was brought to the bank but refused to enter, telling police that Wojtowicz "doesn't love me anymore."

#### Refuses to Surrender

Patrick Coppola, 22, with whom Wojtowicz has been living at 250 W. 10th St., went to the bank door, kissed Wojtowicz and spoke with him briefly. Other friends of Wojtowicz and his mother, Mrs. Theresa Wojtowicz, also tried to talk him into surrendering but he refused and threatened to kill the hostages if police tried to crash into the bank.

FBI agents reportedly questioned both Coppola and Wojtowicz yesterday about the latter's

story involving a Chase Manhattan executive.

Wojtowicz and Aaron, each of whom has a legal wife and two children, were "married" last year by an unfrocked Catholic priest, the Rev. Gennaro Auricchio.

Auricchio, who now works as a New York University librarian and lives in Greenwich Village, said he had been counseling Aaron after he separated from his wife. He said Aaron introduced him to Wojtowicz and told him they wanted to get married.

Around Thanksgiving, Auricchio continued, Aaron tried to commit suicide. The priest went to visit him in the hospital. Auricchio said Aaron told him: "I'm all mixed-up. I want to be a girl. I have to marry the boy I introduced you to. If I don't, I'll be more successful (in suicide) next time."

#### "To Save His Life"

Auricchio said he then agreed to perform a ceremony "to save his life."

"I promised him I would perform a blessing," he added. "I would not and cannot perform a homosexual marriage. It's an unnatural alliance. A blessing is a union between two persons who promise to be loyal to each other and, in this particular case, it erased a deep feeling of shamefulness."

"Aaron felt once this was performed, his soul would be clean. As I look back on it now, I shouldn't have performed this ceremony. If I had to do it again, I wouldn't."

He said that Wojtowicz, an Army veteran who served in Vietnam, wore his dress uniform with service ribbons for the ceremony.

Auricchio took a leave of absence from the Society of St. Paul about four years ago. A spokesman for the order said he was ordered to return in 1970, but refused. Consequently, the spokesman said, he was automatically excommunicated.

After his arraignment before U.S. Magistrate Max Schiffman, Wojtowicz was sent to the Federal House of Detention in Greenwich Village, pending hearing Aug. 31.

#### An Honorable Discharge

His court-appointed lawyer, Mark Landsman, said Wojtowicz has never been in trouble with the law before. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1969 after serving three years. Landsman added that Wojtowicz has "worked for various banks throughout the city."

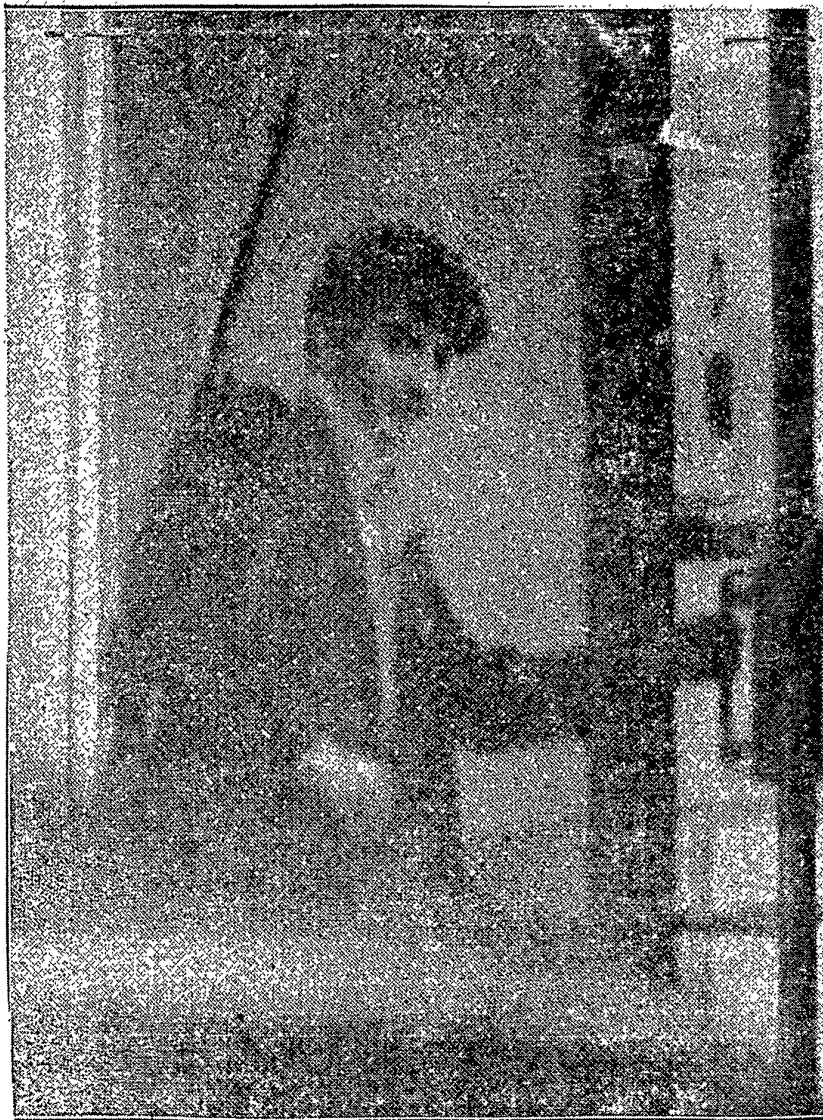
His last job reportedly was at the Security National Bank branch at Madison Ave. and 84th St.

Police said that Matterson, who was identified through his fingerprints, had a record of two arrests. Picked up May 3—his 18th birthday—in Times Square, he was charged with possession of drugs and loitering. On July 9, he was arrested for grand larceny and possession of burglary tools.



## ***FBI Goes for Three Pies —And Brings Back Its Men***

How many bank robbers send the FBI for pizzas? Or talk to THE NEWS on the phone while still in the bank? How many gunmen get their "wives" out of hospital? It happened in Brooklyn, with nine hostages unhurt. Accused robber, John Wojtowicz, 27, self-styled homosexual, was captured at JFK Airport in bid for flight to Algeria from Chase Manhattan branch, Avenue P and E. third St., Brooklyn. Accomplice Donald (Sal) Matterson, 18, was killed by FBI at JFK.



A wary Wojtowicz carries heavy artillery out of bank.

NEWS photo by Dan Cronin



NEWS photo by Dan Cronin

Far into the night: FBI agent tries to reason with gunman in bank doorway.





NEWS photo by Ed Molinari

Chase Vice President Michael J. Calandra looks over mess—including an untouched pizza. Big-tipping robbers tossed FBI \$1,099, or \$366.33 a pie.



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The FBI delivers three pizzas (in box) to Wojtowicz and the rest.



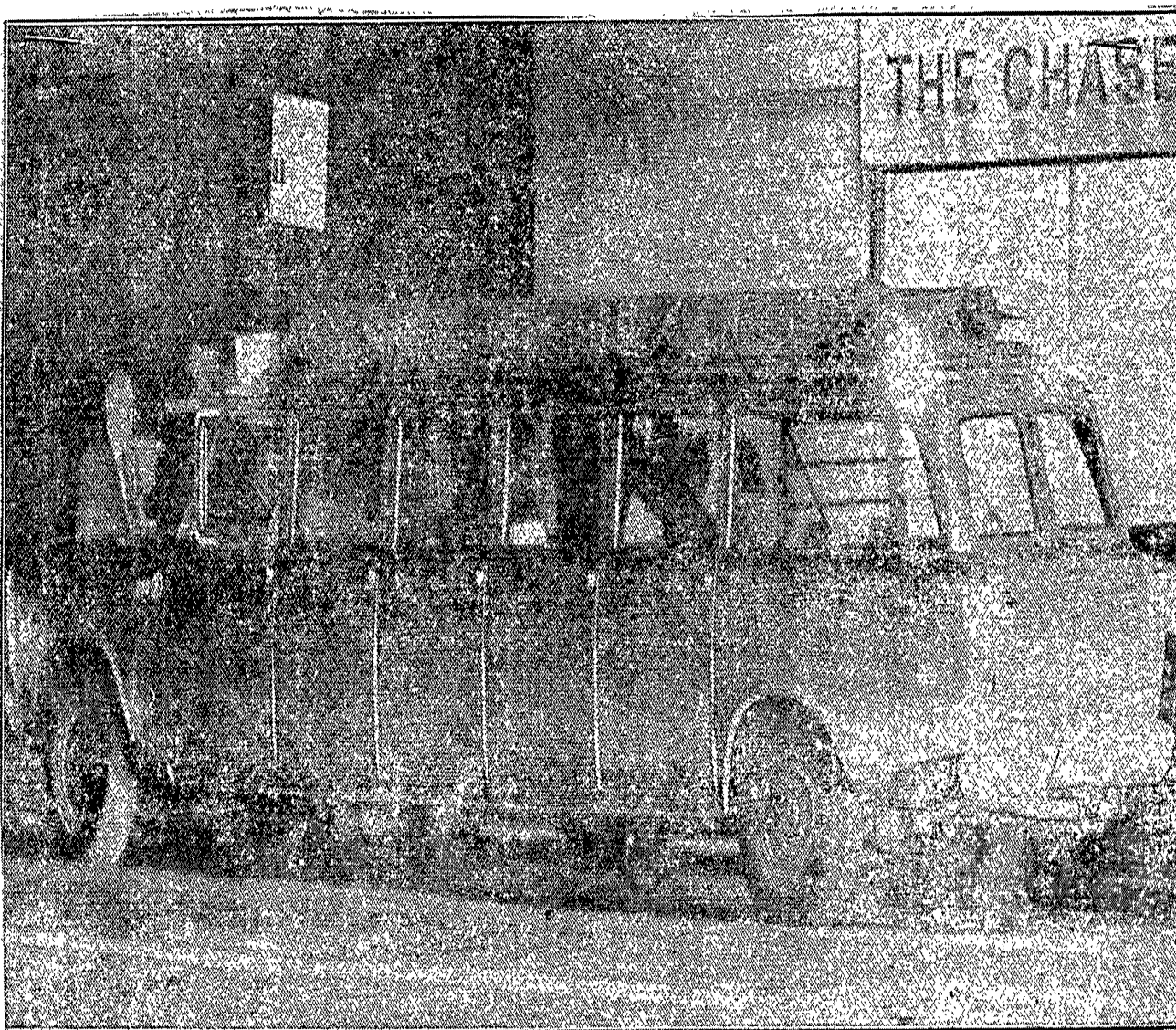
## Hostages Freed After 15 Hours

Heavily armed John Wojtowicz, 27, looks over airport bus he demanded to take himself, his accomplice "Sal," and eight hostages to Kennedy Airport from Chase Manhattan branch in Brooklyn Tuesday night. Wojtowicz, married and a father, and also "married" in homosexual ceremony, was captured at the airport and "Sal" (Donald Matterson, 18) was killed by FBI. Authorities were looking into possibility bank executive masterminded plot.

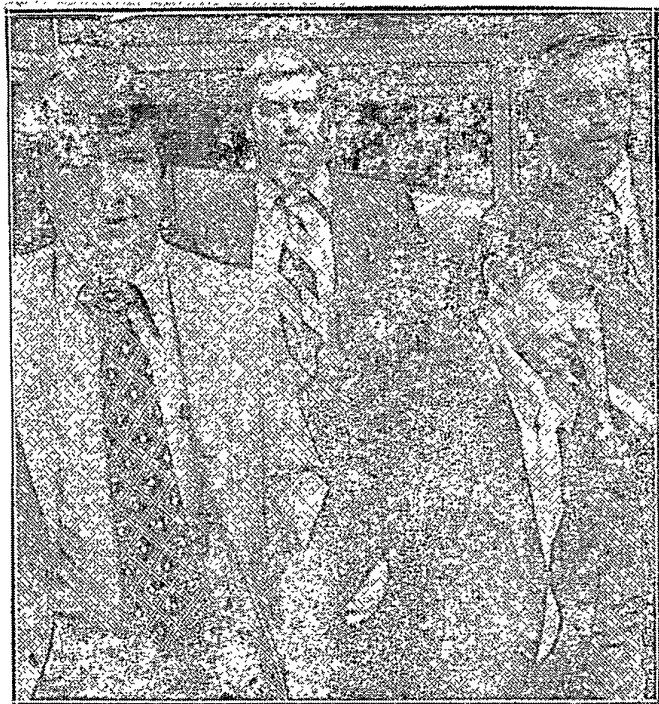




UPI photo  
Bank employee Josephine Tuttino, who had been a hostage, is helped to waiting auto after gunmen freed her at bank, then took off for airport.



NEWS photo by Anthony Pecore  
Airport bus is loaded outside the bank and ready to roll to the airport with the robbers and seven hostages. The drama is nearing its end.



NEWS photo by Jack Smith

**John Wojtowicz (r.) leaves FBI office for Brooklyn hearing.**



Associated Press photos

For Wojtowicz, the caper is over.

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

NITEL

8-30-72

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (91-12002)

FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

SALVATORE NATURALE PAREN DECEASED END PAREN, AKA;  
ET AL.; CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, FOUR FIVE ZERO AVENUE P,  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, AUGUST TWENTYTWO, BR.

REURAIRTEL AUGUST TWENTYFIVE.

TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS AND ONE LATENT PALM PRINT  
ON FOUR LIFTS IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS JOHN STANLEY  
WOJTOWICZ.

EXAMINATION CONTINUING.

Note: Subject  no longer active fugitive.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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MAIL ROOM ☐

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Mr. Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Herwig \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Neenan \_\_\_\_\_



8/25/72

AIRTEL

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATT: ID/IFS)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (91-12002) (P)

SUBJECT: SALVATORE NATURALE, aka  
Donald Matterson (DECEASED);  
JOHN WOJTOWICZ;

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[REDACTED] aka  
[REDACTED] FUGITIVE;  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
450 AVENUE P  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8/22/72  
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ReNYtel to Bureau, dated 8/24/72.

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(1-ID/IFS)  
2-New York

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Crime scene processed by Bureau Agents.

Request of the Bureau

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3. ID/LFS is requested to compare prints of SALVATORE NATURALE, aka Donald Matterson, (DECEASED) with enclosed latents. NATURALE's prints forwarded to ID/LFS on 8/23/72.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. CAUTION SHOULD BE USED DUE  
[redacted]

8/31/72

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
SUMMARY

This concerns the bank robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank (CMB) on 8/22-23/72 wherein subjects entered the bank, held bank employees hostage and subsequently left the bank with six hostages and over \$25,000 in cash. Subjects had demanded a limousine and aircraft be made available to them at John F. Kennedy International Airport. Upon arrival at the airport, Donald Matterson was fatally shot by an FBI Agent. Subject Wojtowicz was taken into custody.

Attached advises reinterview with employees (hostages) of CMB disclosed subjects furnished employees money from bank loot instructing them to remain silent or they would be harmed at a later date by subject's associates. As a result, \$4,230 recovered from employees interviewed. Other employees held as hostages being interviewed regarding withholding of bank funds. This aspect discussed with Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) who is withholding opinion until all facts received. AUSA contemplates presenting to Federal Grand Jury.

Investigation continuing.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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TELETYPE

Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Bates \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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NR 001 NY PLAIN

12:55 AM NITEL 8-31-72 MJW

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM NEW YORK 91-12002

ALSO KNOWN AS

JOHN WOJTOWICZ AKA JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ, JOSEPH P. GOODMAN

CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, FOUR FIVE ZERO AVENUE

P, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, AUGUST TWENTY TWO, SEVENTY TWO, BANK ROBBERY

REFERENCE NEW YORK

RE NY REPORT OF SA [REDACTED], DATED AUGUST TWENTY

NINTH, LAST.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, ON AUGUST THIRTIETH,  
LAST, DURING REINTERVIEW WITH EMPLOYEES (HOSTAGES) AT CAPTIONED  
BANK, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT DURING CAPTIONED BANK ROBBERY,  
SUBJECTS FURNISHED MONEY FROM BANK LOOT TO SEVERAL EMPLOYEES  
(HOSTAGES) INSTRUCTING THEM TO REMAIN SILENT OR THEY WOULD BE  
HARMED AT A LATER DATE BY SUBJECT'S ASSOCIATES. ON AUGUST  
END PAGE ONE

CC TO: *FBI*  
REQ. REC'D *7-25-74*  
JUL 23 1974  
ANS.  
BY: *[Signature]*

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*re. Wojtowicz*

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*[Signature]*

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THIRTIETH, LAST, FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS RECOVERED FROM EMPLOYEES INTERVIEWED. NYO ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE SEVERAL EMPLOYEES HELD AS HOSTAGES FOR INTERVIEW RE WITHHOLDING BANK FUNDS.

ON AUGUST THIRTIETH, LAST, FACTS IN THIS MATTER PRESENTED IMMEDIATELY TO <sup>ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY</sup> AUSA EDWARD J. BOYD, <sup>EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK</sup> EDNY, CONCERNING WITHHOLDING OF BANK FUNDS BY INDIVIDUALS HELD AS HOSTAGES. BOYD ADVISED THAT HE DESIRED TO WITHHOLD HIS PROSECUTIVE OPINION UNTIL ALL FACTS IN THIS MATTER HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. AUSA CONTEMPLATES PRESENTING TO <sup>FEDERAL GRAND JURY</sup> FGJ.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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AIRTEL

To: Director, FBI (91-)

Date: 8/25/72

From: SAC, NEW YORK (91-12002)

Attention: Bank Robbery Unit

Check one: ☒ Robbery☐ Burglary☐ LarcenySubject: SALVATORE NATURALE, aka Donald Matterson  
(DECEASED): JOHN WOJTOWICZ;

- FUGITIVE;

CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, 450 AVENUE P,  
BROOKLYN, NY 8/22/72  
BR

cr NY tel 8/24/72:

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## VIOLATION

Institution: (check one, all violations)

☒ Bank ☐ Savings & Loan ☐ Federal Credit Union

Regulatory Agency: (check one, all violations except Federal Credit Unions)

☒ FDIC ☒ Comptroller of the Currency ☐ Federal Reserve System  
☐ Federal Home Loan Bank Board

Security Devices: (complete for all violations)

Alarm system ☒ Yes ☐ No Activated ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Surveillance camera ☒ Yes ☐ No Activated ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Identifiable photo of subject(s) obtained ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Bait money maintained ☒ Yes ☐ No ☒ Taken ☒ Yes ☐ No

Subjects: (complete for all violations)

Number involved three or if unknown, as in burglary, check ☐  
Number of males three Females \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Caucasians three Negroes \_\_\_\_\_ Mongolians \_\_\_\_\_

## Robberies ONLY:

Demand note ☒ Yes ☐ No Gun displayed ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Threat of explosives ☒ Yes ☐ No

## Burglaries ONLY:

Burning equipment used ☐ Yes ☐ No Explosives used ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Tools used ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Loot taken: (all violations)

Loot ☒ Yes ☐ No Amount of cash \$194,651.55  
Other property taken ☐ Yes ☒ No Value \_\_\_\_\_

## Violence: (all violations)

Shooting ☒ Yes ☐ No Explosion(s) ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Beating(s) ☐ Yes ☒ No Any deaths ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Any serious injury ☒ Yes ☐ No Hostage(s) ☒ Yes ☐ No

## SOLUTION (complete when all subjects identified and whereabouts known)

Solution claimed: (check) ☒Solution by ☒ FBI ☐ local police ☐ joint Total number of subjects threeNarcotic addicts involved ☐ Yes ☒ No Number \_\_\_\_\_Location of subject(s) now ☐ Jail ☒ Other (specify) Federal House of Detention

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New York

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. FELT

DATE: 8/28/72

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FROM : R. J. Baker

cc Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Bates  
Mr. Baker

SUBJECT: PROPOSED "LIFE" MAGAZINE ARTICLE  
ON RECENT CHASE MANHATTAN BANK ROBBERY,  
NEW YORK CITY, 8/22-23/72

NEW YORK

[redacted] who identified himself as a reporter for "Life" Magazine, called me from New York this afternoon. He advised that Life is putting together a story concerning the Chase Manhattan bank robbery in New York City, and that he is trying to personally interview the principal participants.

Since I was in charge of the investigation for the Bureau, he asked if he could come to Washington either Wednesday or Thursday of this week, in the early afternoon, and speak with me. I inquired if the matter could be handled on the phone to save him the trip, but he stated he wanted a personal contact.

In view of the favorable publicity which has already resulted in this case, it is believed that a story by Life would further enhance the Bureau's role in this matter. Accordingly, it is recommended that I be authorized to make an appointment to talk with [redacted]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

91-12002

September 5, 1972

FBI FILE NO.

A-58603

LATENT CASE NO.

TO: SAC, New York

REC-5  
EX-116

RE:

SALVATORE NATURALE (DECEASED), AKA;  
ET AL.;  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
450 AVENUE P  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8-22-72  
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REFERENCE:

Airtel 8-25-72

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: New York

SPECIMENS:

Twenty-four lifts

Major case prints of [redacted] and  
John Stanley Wojtowicz

This report confirms and supplements Eutel dated  
8-30-72.

Four latent fingerprints and one latent palm print  
of value appear on five lifts. One of the latent fingerprints also  
appears on a duplicate lift. No latent prints of value found on  
remaining lifts.

Two latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints  
Wojtowicz or Salvatore Naturale, FBI #51209K0.

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Note:

no longer active fugitive.

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MAIL ROOM ☒TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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L. Patrick Gray, III, Acting Director



SAC, New York

September 5, 1972

See attached page for results of remaining comparisons.

Major case prints of Wojtowicz and [redacted] compared with latent prints in bank robbery section of National Unidentified Latent File, but no identification effected.

Six lifts of value enclosed. Remaining eighteen lifts of no value destroyed. Submitted inked prints of Wojtowicz and [redacted] retained.

Your File No.  
Latent Case No.

91-12002  
A-58603

September 5, 1972

RE: JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ, BORN  
MARCH 9, 1945, IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Two latent fingerprints and one latent palm print  
appearing on the following described lifts have been identified  
as fingerprints and a palm print of Wojtowicz:

One fingerprint on a black rubber lift marked  
"Phone-2d officers desk" (this fingerprint  
also appears on a duplicate lift)

One fingerprint on a black rubber lift marked  
"Work Room Rear Door"

One palm print on a white rubber lift marked  
"door to safe deposit"

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 8-29-72 12:00 p.m. te

Reference No: 91-12002

Received: 8-29-72

FBI File No:

Latent Case No: 91-44808-11  
A-58603

Answer to: SAC, New York

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to:

RE:

~~SALVATORE NATURALE~~ <sup>(DECEASED)</sup> AKA: ~~DONALD MATTERSON~~ <sup>ET AL;</sup> ~~(DECEASED)~~;~~JOHN WOJTCOWICZ~~;

AKA;

~~FUGITIVE~~;(No longer active fug.)  
for fuf desk.  
errCHASE MANHATTAN BANK, 450 AVENUE P  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, 8-22-72, BR

Date of reference communication: Airtel 8-25-72

Specimens:

4 white rubber lifts

20 black rubber lifts

Major case prints submitted of Subjects:

 - UTH - CIinto + out pp's  
photo

JOHN STANLEY WOJTCOWICZ - UTH - CI

Named Subject:

- born 3-9-45 in Brooklyn, N.Y.

SALVATORE NATURALE - FBI # 51209156

Result of examination:

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Evidence note

2 WR + 7 BR lifts to photo 8/29/72  
CI req'd 8/29/72

4 lat fpts and 1 lat sp of mal fd as follows:

1 fpt on (2) dup (B.R.) lifts both marked "Phone-2d officers desk"

- &amp; #1 fpt Wojtowicz on

3 fpts on 3 (BR) lifts all marked "Work Room Rear Door"

- 1 &amp; #2 fpt Wojtowicz on

Examination completed

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8-31-72

Dictated

8-31-72

Time

Date

Date

Ansd. 9-5-72 CEC/ma teletype 8-30-72 CEC/ma

1 pp on (w.r.) left marked "door to safe deposit"  
& right pp Wojtowicz *en*

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no lat ppts of wal appear on rem. lifts. *en*

2 lat ppts not & ppts Wojtowicz,  or Natale *en*

2 ppts & +1 pp & - see front & back of work sheets. *en*

me ppts of Wojtowicz &  comp'd with lat ppts

in BR sect of AULF, no &'s *en*

subm'd me ppts retained *en*

6 lifts of wal ret'd herewith. rem. lifts of no wal  
destroyed. *en*

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Date: 8/25/72

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATT: ID/LFS)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (91-12002) (P)

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JOHN WOJTOWICZ;

[REDACTED] aka  
FUGITIVE;  
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8/22/72  
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2-New York

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ENCLOSURE

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS. CAUTION SHOULD BE USED DUE  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>8/29/72</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>8/22 - 8/29/72</b>	b6 b7C
TITLE OF CASE  <b>CHANGED</b> <b>SALVATORE NATURALE</b> aka <b>Donald Matterson</b> <b>Salvatore Natrille (DECEASED)</b> <b>JOHN WOJTOWICZ</b> , aka <b>John Stanley Wojtowicz</b> <b>Joseph P. Goodman;</b> (TITLE CONT'D ON COVER PAGE B)		REPORT MADE BY  <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY  <b>mtv</b>	
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>BR</b> <b>9/8/72</b>		

Title marked "Changed" to reflect possible true name of NATURALE as NATRILLE, to include additional aliases of WOJTOWICZ, and to reflect true name of [REDACTED] as developed through investigation.

## REFERENCES

NY teletype to Bureau, 8/23/72.  
 NY airtel to Newark, 8/23/72.  
 NY teletype to Newark, 8/23/72.  
 NY telecall to New Haven, 8/23/72.  
 NY airtel to Bureau, 8/23/72.  
 Bu teletype to NY, 8/24/72.  
 NY teletype to Bureau, 8/24/72.  
 NY airtel to Bureau, 8/25/72.

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59-87, 91.  
 CC TO: [REDACTED]  
 REQ. REC'D 7-25-74  
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 ANS. [REDACTED]  
 BY: [REDACTED]  
 re- [REDACTED]

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
						\$194,651.55	PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED: [REDACTED] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE **Cover p. B** DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

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- 1 - Newark (INFO)
- 2 - New Haven (15-8766)
- 3 - New York (91-12002)

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**REC-110**  
**SEP 5 1972**

Dissemination Record of Attached Report			
Agency	Dept. [REDACTED]		
Request Recd.	9/14/72		
Date Fwd.	9/14/72		
How Fwd.	6-17		
By	CEW/dm		

Notations

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CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
450 Avenue P,  
Brooklyn, New York  
8/22/72

ADMINISTRATIVE

NY is claiming one fugitive apprehension, due to the arrest of [redacted] on 8/24/72 by Buagents in NY, NY.

NY is claiming recovery of \$32,101.55 in US currency and \$162,550 in American Express Travelers checks, for a total of \$194,651.55.

For the info of the Bureau referenced communications with the Newark Division were regarding attempts at identifying NATURALE from previous arrest records. Referenced telephone call to NH was regarding the recovery of the .38 colt revolver, #B76655, NHfile 15-8766.

It should be noted that the audit conducted at the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, NY, immediately after the robbery on 8/22/72, determined the loss to be \$17,971.15 in US currency and \$175,150.00 in American Express Travelers checks. On 8/25/72, [redacted] Chase Manhattan Bank, advised that a subsequent audit determined the loss in United States currency to be \$37,951.80, but Chase Manhattan Bank was still attempting to determine from available records if this was the final total. During the robbery WOJTOWICZ burned bank records in an effort to destroy lists containing pre-recorded serial numbers of currency and travelers checks.

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The report fulfills the requirements for a five day arrest report and a normal 30 day report in captioned matter. It



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ADMINISTRATIVE (cont'd)

should be noted that at the time of the submission of this report all the FD 302's containing interviews and investigation had not been available for inclusion in this report; therefore subsequent report to be submitted by NY will contain these FD 302's.

On 8/23/72, AUSA EDWARD J. BOYD, EDNY, advised that he would withhold prosecutive opinion concerning the CAA violation, since in his opinion the BR violation was sufficient at this time for prosecutive purposes and due to the fact that he did not feel that prosecution for CAA would result in a successful prosecution in a Federal court of law.

Newark is being furnished information copy of this report in the event that further investigation is required in the Newark Division.

LEADS

NEW HAVEN

AT HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT. Will forward information concerning theft of colt, .38 caliber revolver serial # B76655 to NY Division.

NEW YORK

AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. 1. Will follow and report results of prosecution at EDNY.

2. Will maintain contact with AUSA EDWARD J. BOYD, EDNY.

3. Will re-interview bank employees held hostage 8/22/72-8/23/72, for any information concerning bank records which were destroyed.

4. Will re-interview bank employees held hostage 8/22/72-8/23/72, for any information concerning the activities and statements made by the subjects during the captioned matter which they may previously have overlooked due to the stress of the situation immediately after being released by Buagents, as subject's hostages.

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LEADS (cont'd)

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. 1. Will continue to interview JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ, Federal Detention Center, 347 West Street, NY, NY, concerning this matter and possible involvement in any other Federal violation.

2. Will continue to interview associates of subjects for any information of value in the prosecution of this matter.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: New York, New York

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Title:

SALVATORE NATURALE (DECEASED);  
JOHN WOJTOWICZ;

[REDACTED]  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK

Character:

450 Avenue P,  
Brooklyn, New York  
August 22, 1972  
BANK ROBBERY

Synopsis:

On 8/22/72, at approximately 2:45 PM, SALVATORE NATURALE (DECEASED), [REDACTED] and JOHN STANLEY

WOJTOWICZ, entered captioned FDIC insured bank carrying concealed rifle, shotgun, and revolver. [REDACTED] was supposed to give typed demand note to manager, but fled almost immediately after entering bank. \$37,951.80 in US currency and \$175.150 in travelers checks obtained by subjects. Bank protected by one unarmed uniformed guard, two .35 MM surveillance cameras, and external silent alarm system. No protective devices activated. NYCPD alerted to possible robbery and NYCPD responded to scene. Subjects telephonically contacted by NYCPD and advised to surrender. Subjects responded that they were armed and were holding 9 hostages. WOJTOWICZ personally & telephonically communicated with NYCPD and FBI. Bank guard released during late afternoon of 8/22/72. Numerous requests and demands made by subjects. Two shots fired inside bank by WOJTOWICZ. WOJTOWICZ and NATURALE demanded that airplane and limousine be furnished from JFK airport, Queens, NY. During early morning hours of 8/23/72 WOJTOWICZ and NATURALE exited bank using hostages as shields. SA of FBI volunteered to drive limousine. SA searched by WOJTOWICZ prior to being allowed to enter limousine. After arrival at JFK airport Hansa Jet observed approaching Sattalite area where limousine had been parked. Subjects anticipated using airplane for flight to undisclosed location. Subjects distracted and SA used opportunity to deflect shotgun and using handgun previously hidden in limousine, shot and mortally wounded NATURALE. WOJTOWICZ disarmed and taken in Federal Custody. NATURALE pronounced dead at local hospital. On 8/22/72, USA, EDNY, ROBERT MORSE, had given oral authorization for arrest of WOJTOWICZ and NATURALE for violation of Federal BR statute. On 8/23/72, NCIC check determined that .38 caliber, Colt revolver serial # B76655, stolen 3/72 in Hartford, Conn. No record NCIC of shotgun or rifle.

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Synopsis (cont'd)

Bank processed immediately after subjects departed by Buagent and latent prints of unknown value obtained. BR demand note recovered by Buagents. Deposit slip filled out by WOJTOWICZ inside of bank prior to BR recovered by Buagents. Photos of demand note and deposit slip contained in report. On 8/23/72, AUSA BOYD, EDNY, authorized the filing of a complaint regarding violation USC, T. 18, Section 2113 (a) (e) and 2, regarding WOJTOWICZ and violation of USC, T. 18, Section 371, regarding [REDACTED]. Complaint filed before US Magistrate MAX SCHIFFMAN, EDNY, and arrest warrant issued for [REDACTED]. On 8/23/72, WOJTOWICZ arraigned before US Magistrate SCHIFFMAN, EDNY and remanded to custody of USM, EDNY in lieu of \$250,000 cash bond. During interview with WOJTOWICZ on 8/23/72, he advised that he purchased Colt .38 caliber revolver from [REDACTED] NYC, NY, and shoulder weapons from [REDACTED]. Neither [REDACTED] said to have prior knowledge of BR. On 8/24/72, [REDACTED] surrendered to Buagents, NY, and during interview furnished signed statements concerning involvement in BR and planning of same. [REDACTED] arraigned on 8/24/72 before US Magistrate SCHIFFMAN, EDNY and remanded to custody of USM, in lieu of \$50,000 cash bond. On 8/25/72, WOJTOWICZ re-interviewed and he furnished signed statement concerning his participation in BR. On 8/25/72, AUSA BOYD, EDNY, declined prosecution of [REDACTED] for violation of the Federal BR statute, based on information furnished by WOJTOWICZ and [REDACTED]. Fingerprints of SALVATORE NATURALE determined to be identical to fingerprints of DONALD MATTERSON, FBI # 51 209 K6. Investigation continuing. DUE TO WEAPONS BEING USED DURING THE ROBBERY CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CAUTION SHOULD BE USED [REDACTED]

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PREDICATION

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This matter is predicated upon receipt of a telephone call from [redacted] New York City Police Department (NYCPD), on August 22, 1972, at 3:45 PM, to the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He advised that the NYCPD had received a telephone call from an unknown male that this unknown subject (unsub) was armed and holding several people hostage in the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York. No further details were available.

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Agents from the New York Office were immediately dispatched to the scene.



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JURISDICTION

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[redacted] Chase Manhattan  
Bank, New York Plaza, New York, New York, [redacted]  
[redacted] of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue  
P, Brooklyn, New York, following the robbery of this branch on  
August 22, 1972 through August 23, 1972.

[redacted] advised that this bank is insured by the Federal  
Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), under certificate  
number [redacted]

[redacted] stated that in the event that this document be  
needed in a court of law a subpoena duces tecum should be  
directed to himself.

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On August 23, 1972, [REDACTED]  
Chase Manhattan Bank, 1 New York Plaza, New York, New York,  
advised that the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn,  
New York, is protected as follows:

1. Two .35 millimeter surveillance cameras
2. One unarmed uniformed guard
3. Holmes External silent alarm

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NARRATIVE OF OFFENSE

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On August 22, 1972, at approximately 2:45 PM, SALVATORE NATURALE, also known as (aka) Salvatore Naturile, [redacted] and JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ, entered the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, an Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insured bank, carrying a rifle and shotgun in a box, a .38 caliber revolver and announced a holdup. [redacted] was to give the bank manager a bank robbery demand note, but prior to the robbery being announced he fled the bank. NATURALE and WOJTOWICZ demanded and received \$37,951.80 in United States currency, and \$175,150 in American Express travelers checks. During the robbery, WOJTOWICZ burned undetermined amount of bank records, demanded and received the pre-recorded "bait money" list, and then removed all the bait money from the bank loot. b6 b7C

During the robbery the bank employees were instructed to keep working answer telephone calls. During the robbery, the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) alerted by main branch of Chase Manhattan Bank, that bank manager was unable to answer normal and routine questions asked him over the telephone. WOJTOWICZ was telephonically contacted by Lieutenant of the NYCPD and advised to surrender. WOJTOWICZ replied that he was holding nine hostages and was armed.

From August 22, 1972, at approximately 2:45 PM, until August 23, 1972, 4:45 PM, WOJTOWICZ and NATURALE held hostages at gunpoint inside the bank. WOJTOWICZ attempted to negotiate with the NYCPD and supervisors of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for their release, in exchange for hostages and favors. During evening hours one hostage, the bank guard, was released.

During time that hostages were being held inside of the bank two shots were fired by WOJTOWICZ. One shot was fired at the rear door where officers of the NYCPD were stationed, and one shot was "accidental", when the rifle fell to the floor and discharged.

During late afternoon, August 22, 1972, WOJTOWICZ demanded that his "wife" ERNEST ARON, be brought to him from the Kings County Hospital. WOJTOWICZ admitted that he was a homosexual. ARON arrived at the bank, but refused to talk to WOJTOWICZ.

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WOJTOWICZ and NATURALE demanded that a plane be provided for their transportation, and the transportation of the hostages, to an undisclosed location. They further demanded that a limousine be provided to John F. Kennedy Airport, Queens, New York, where the plane was to be waiting.

WOJTOWICZ and NATURALE accompanied by seven hostages one being released at the bank, entered the airport limousine. The hostages were used as shields by NATURALE as he exited the bank. WOJTOWICZ was armed with the .38 caliber revolver and rifle, and NATURALE carried the 12 gauge shotgun.

The limousine was driven by SA [REDACTED] FBI, New York, prior to allowing SA [REDACTED] to drive the limousine, WOJTOWICZ searched SA [REDACTED] and the interior of the limousine for weapons. No weapons being found he allowed SA [REDACTED] to enter the limousine.

After arriving at the John F. Kennedy Airport, Queens, New York, and a Hansa Jet was observed approaching the satellite area where the limousine was parked with SA [REDACTED] WOJTOWICZ, NATURALE, and the hostages. SA [REDACTED] mortally wounded NATURALE. WOJTOWICZ was disarmed and taken into Federal custody and NATURALE was pronounced dead on arrival at local hospital.

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DESCRIPTION OF BANK



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The Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn New York, is described as a one story brick building having large glass windows in the front of the building and glass double doors at the main entrance. There is one steel door at the rear of the bank. The bank is located at the corner of Avenue P and 3rd Street, Brooklyn, New York. The area is commercial intermingled with large multi-storied apartment buildings.

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[redacted] Chase Manhattan  
Bank, 1 New York Plaza, New York, New York, [redacted]  
[redacted] of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450  
Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, following the robbery of that  
branch on August 22, 1972 through August 23, 1972.

[redacted] stated that as a result of this audit it  
was determined that \$17,971.15 in United States Currency  
and \$175,150 in American Express Travelers Cheques had  
been stolen during this robbery.

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[redacted] Chase Manhattan Bank, 1 New York Plaza, New York, New York, telephonically contacted the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and advised that a second audit had been conducted at the branch located at 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, after the robbery on August 22, 1972. He advised that this audit reflected the loss to be \$37,951.80 in United States currency, and \$175,150 in American Express Travelers checks.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Chase Manhattan Bank, 1 New York Plaza, New York, New York, telephone number 676-2342, appeared at the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in regard to the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, New York, New York, on August 22, 1972. [redacted]

[redacted] counted the American Express Travelers Checks by denomination and determined that there was a total of \$162,550 in travelers checks which had been recovered.

The audit was conducted in the presence of SA [redacted] and the travelers checks were immediately returned to the New York file after the audit.

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INTERVIEW OF BANK EMPLOYEES

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[redacted] Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue "P", Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed on August 23, 1972, at the above address.

[redacted] advised that her home residence is [redacted] New York.

She stated that approximately 3:00 pm, the previous day, she was in the process of packing up at the end of the day when she observed [redacted]

[redacted] the man walked to the customer counter where he started taking something out of the box.

[redacted] advised that the next thing she recalls was [redacted] when she looked up and saw [redacted] being held at bay by a man with a rifle. She said she then heard [redacted] yelling and cursing, saying "this is a holdup." She said he asked about the shipment but was told by someone, the money shipment had already gone out.

She said the individual who approached her then went behind the tellers counter, took all the money from the carriage and drawer, and then threw the decoy money on the floor.

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[redacted] identified the individual who approached her at her window as JOHN, and the second individual as SAL.

She stated that both men herded all the employees to the rear of the bank after they observed a police car outside the bank.

She stated during the time they were held hostage she heard two shots fired within the bank. She said that on several occasions both men stated they did not mind killing them if they could not escape, or if the police attempted to charge through and try to apprehend them.

At this point, [redacted] upon recommendation of a physician, stopped answering questions, but said she would be willing to be interviewed at a later time.



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[redacted] was interviewed at the Port of New York Authority Police Station, John F. Kennedy (JFK) International Airport, New York, New York, and furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated she was born [redacted] and has been employed [redacted] at Branch 252, Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue F, Brooklyn, New York, [redacted]

Shortly before 3 PM, August 22, 1972, [redacted] stated she observed two white males, who in later conversation with each other identified themselves as JOHN (Last Name Unknown) (LNU) and SAL (LNU), enter the Branch 252 bank. [redacted] described JOHN LNU as very short in stature and thin build, with a full head of dark hair, age around 24, and dressed in black trousers with a green shirt. [redacted] described SAL LNU also as short, but taller than JOHN, blondish hair, early twenties, wearing a new Navy blue suit and new shoes.

Next [redacted] stated JOHN LNU [redacted] and loudly demanded all bank employees to turn around and place their backs against the wall. [redacted] stated that by this time she observed that both JOHN LNU and SAL LNU had long barrel guns which she believed were shotguns. [redacted] stated that JOHN LNU and SAL LNU also possessed a handgun.

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[ ] stated that JOHN LNU then proclaimed that he had prior knowledge that a delivery of money was scheduled to come to the bank at about that time, 3 PM.

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Next, [ ] stated that JOHN LNU directed that all \$10.00 bills and higher be removed from inside each teller's cage and piled on top of the drawer, and stated he would place all these in his attache case.

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[ ] stated that JOHN LNU related that due to his past experience as a bank employee, he was knowledgeable about "decoy" bills kept on hand by banks. [ ] stated JOHN LNU directed to be given the book in which all marked bills are registered. [ ] stated that JOHN LNU looked in the register book, then proceeded to throw all single and five dollar bills on the floor.

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Next, [ ] stated that JOHN LNU said he was going to take two hostages, [ ] and lock the rest in the vault. [ ] stated JOHN LNU directed [ ] to count all the large bills, which came to over \$20,000.00.

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[ ] stated JOHN LNU next took a box of travellers cheques [ ] from the vault, and wanted the book in which these were registered. She stated JOHN LNU threw this book into a trash pail and set the book on fire, but then put the fire out when it appeared the blaze would possibly cause a conflagration in the bank.

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[redacted] stated JOHN LNU and SAL LNU then indicated they were going to leave the bank when they noticed detectives outside the bank. [redacted] stated JOHN LNU then directed that [redacted]

[redacted] to go into the bank conference room. She said JOHN LNU then directed [redacted]

[redacted] stated SAL LNU stayed in the conference room with a shotgun, and made the women in the room sit on the floor.

[redacted] stated that JOHN LNU then started a succession of conferences with the police, talked on the telephone, exited and re-entered the bank, and ordered and received pizza, coke, and cigarettes.

[redacted] stated that JOHN LNU then demanded a van to take them to the bank. [redacted] stated that JOHN LNU repeatedly stated that he did not plan to harm the bank employees, but that he was being forced by the police to hold them as hostages.

[redacted] said JOHN LNU stated that after the transportation to take them to the airport arrived, he planned to release one hostage at the bank, another at the airport, and another at the airplane. She said he would take the remaining hostages with him. [redacted] stated JOHN LNU kept asking the hostages where they wanted to be flown and directed that they elect a spokesman or leader to make this decision.

When a limousine arrived at the bank, JOHN and SAL LNU, according to [redacted] surrounded themselves with hostages and exited the bank, entering the limousine.

Enroute to the airport, JOHN LNU directed that the siren be on and that the caravan travel at least 50 miles per hour, [redacted] said. She stated that both SAL LNU and JOHN LNU positioned themselves in the middle of the seat with hostages on both window sides. She said upon entering the site at the airport where they were to transfer to a jet aircraft, JOHN LNU did not like the surroundings and wanted to go to the main terminal to eat hamburgers. She said SAL LNU did not agree with JOHN LNU and wanted to stay put and wait for the jet airplane.

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During the entire time she was a hostage in the bank, [REDACTED] said JOHN LNU kept referring to his "wife" and "Husband" ERNEST LNU. She said JOHN LNU stated ERNEST was in Bellevue Hospital. She stated that ERNEST was brought to the bank at JOHN LNU's request, but that ERNEST refused to join JOHN LNU because he was afraid of JOHN LNU. [REDACTED] stated that SAL LNU denied being homosexual but that JOHN LNU acknowledged being one.

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[redacted] Chase  
Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, home  
address [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed at the  
office of the New York Port Authority Police at John F.  
Kennedy International Airport (JFK) following the robbery  
of the above mentioned bank on August 22 and 23, 1972, and  
the subsequent getaway attempt by the bank robbers.

[redacted] was held as a hostage in this getaway attempt.

[redacted] advised that at approximately 2:55 pm  
on August 22, 1972, she was performing her regular duties  
at the bank. [redacted]

[redacted] The bank was preparing to close for the  
day at this time (closing time 3:00 pm) and [redacted]  
only observed a few customers in the bank. [redacted]

[redacted] recalled that the first individual  
was referred to as "SAM" and the second used the name  
"JOHN". [redacted]

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After the money from the cash drawers was placed on top of the pay counter JOHN directed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

recalled that the subjects placed the majority of the money and travelers checks in a black attache case carried into the bank by JOHN and SAL. After leaving the vault area JOHN obtained the travelers checks records and started a fire in a waste paper container, burning these records. At this point, SAL became quite excited and repeatedly told JOHN to "hurry up, let's get out of here." During this action the robbers had directed that the curtains be closed across the front windows of the bank and the front door was ordered locked.

Approximately 20-25 minutes had elapsed up to this point since the robbery began when [REDACTED] and the robbers in the bank observed two men in business attire attempt to enter the bank and at the direction of the subjects the bank guard told these men that the bank was closed. These men aroused the suspicions of the subjects and they were afraid to exit the bank in that they suspected police were in the area.

From this point forward, [REDACTED] advised that she was held hostage in the bank by the subjects identified as SAL and JOHN and that she along with the other bank employees were held at gun point by both of those individuals. She advised that they were held as hostages the remainder of August 22, 1972, and into the morning of August 23, 1972. During this time she advised that she was in fear of her life much of the time. At one point during this period, SAL heard some noise at the rear of the bank and he fired a shot through the back door of the bank and she also recalled that another shot was discharged accidentally when one of the subject was handling the rifle.

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At approximately 4:15 am, [redacted] was directed into an airport limosine which was located in front of the bank. She stated that the other bank employees were also placed in the limosine and that the subjects also entered the limosine and were driven to JFK Airport with an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as the driver and other FBI cars escorting the limosine. It was [redacted] understanding that the subjects were demanding a plane at JFK to fly them to an unknown destination.

After arriving at the airport she stated that she and the other hostages along with the FBI Agent driving the limosine were continually held at gun point. After waiting on a runway at JFK Airport in the limosine for approximately 30 minutes, the agent driving the limosine grabbed the shotgun held by the subject known as SAL and she heard the agent command "Freeze" at which time the Agent shot the subject SAL and other Agents of the FBI overpowered the subject JOHN at which time he surrendered.

[redacted] provided the following physical description of the subjects:

Subject	Number One aka "JOHN"
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	Approximately 26-28 years old
Height	Five feet five inches approximately
Weight	125 pounds approximately
Hair	Dark Brown, regular cut, clean shaven
Attire	Black pants, light green T-shirt, wore sunglasses
Weapon used	Shoulder weapon and revolver
Subject	Number Two aka "SAL"
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	26-28 Years old
Height	Approximately five feet seven inches
Weight	135 pounds approximately
Hair	Dirty blonde, regular cut
Attire	Suit navy blue in color, black shoes
Weapon used	Shoulder weapon and revolver

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[redacted]  
[redacted] at the Chase Manhattan Bank, Avenue P and East 3rd Street, Brooklyn, New York, furnished the following information regarding the robbery at the bank on August 22, 1972:

She advised that she first became aware that there was a robbery going on when she heard one of the robbers say obscene words indicating that a bank robbery was taking place. She advised that this was at approximately 3:05 P.M.

She advised that the robber whose name she later determined to be JOHN had the tellers collect money out of each of their drawers and put the money into a black attache case. She advised that she was not aware of where this attache case came from.

While this was being done the robber whom she determined to be named SAL covered the employees. She advised that JOHN, after collecting the money, became upset because he thought there would be more money available. She advised that he had stated that he had gotten a tip that there would be a shipment of money going out at about 3:30 P.M. He had stated that he had gotten this tip from someone at the Chase Manhattan Bank Headquarters downtown.

She advised that JOHN was very familiar with bank procedures. She also advised that while they were kept hostages in the bank by the two robbers, both of them were throwing money around the bank and were burning things. She was not aware of what was being burned.

She advised that she heard JOHN talking to SAL cursing a third individual who was supposed to take part in the bank robbery but had chickened out. She learned that this third man had come into the bank and had helped bring guns into the bank but had left before the guard had locked the doors of the bank on closing.

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She advised that his name was [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised that she does not remember seeing this [REDACTED] in the bank. She advised that most of the above information was obtained while she and other employees of the bank were being held hostage by the robbers after the police had come and trapped the robbers in the bank.

[REDACTED]

She stated she stayed there as a hostage until transported as a hostage to Kennedy Airport where she and the other hostages were rescued.

She advised that while she was in the bank as a hostage, JOHN had intentionally shot his rifle into the ceiling and had accidentally released another shot with the rifle which she believed hit the floor.

She described the robbers as follows:

JOHN

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	24 - 26 Years
Height	5 Feet 7 Inches
Weight	125 Pounds
Hair	Dark brown
	Regular cut
	Clean Shaven
Wearing	Black pants
	Green shirt
	Gold socks
	Sunglasses at times
Carried	Shoulder weapon
	Short barrellled revolver

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SAL

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5 Feet 7 Inches
Weight	120 Pounds
Hair	Medium blond
	Clean Shaven
Wearing	Navy blue pinstripe suit
	Black patent and suede
	loafers
	Sunglasses at times
Carried	Shoulder weapon
	Revolver

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[redacted] Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed at the Port Authority Police Department Headquarters, John F. Kennedy (JFK) International Airport. [redacted] advised she is a resident of [redacted] and voluntarily furnished the following information:

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[redacted]

At about this time, the bank was locked at the robbers' command. There was no customers on the premises when the doors were locked. [redacted] advised that the two robbers must have purposed waited until the customers left as she recalled seeing them in the bank with other customers

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[redacted] observed JOHN taking money from the tellers drawers and placing it in a black attache case. He seemed to be quite familiar with the banking business. At one point, he determined which money was pre-recorded and burned this currency. JOHN also mentioned during the course of the robbery that a third man was involved but he "chickened out" and left the bank right after they entered. [redacted] stated she also observed JOHN with a handgun and believes SAL might have had one as well. While the robbery was in progress, both men permitted the bank employees to answer all incoming telephone calls.

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At approximately 4 PM, August 22, 1972, a New York City Police Department (NYPD) police car pulled in front of

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the bank. At this point all the employees were sent into the conference room. During the hours that the police had the bank surrounded, JOHN mentioned that he had a "gay" wife and a "straight" wife. JOHN did most of the talking throughout the day but on one occasion SAL stated he had been in jail. He also indicated he formerly worked for a candy store and [redacted] believes that SAL called this store from the bank.

[redacted] recalls that at about 9 PM, or 10 PM, JOHN took [redacted]. He accidentally dropped his rifle from a desk top and a shot went off. Sometime thereafter, JOHN thought he heard the police outside the bank's back door and fired a shot through this door.

[redacted] stated she was still in the airport limousine at JFK Airport in the early morning hours of August 23, 1972 when SAL was shot by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and JOHN was captured. Both men were still holding their shoulder weapons during the shooting and arrest.

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SEARCH OF GETAWAY VEHICLE

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A search of the vehicle used in the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, was conducted by SA [REDACTED]. The vehicle was parked on East Third Street, headed toward Avenue P, next to the above mentioned bank. The vehicle was found to contain various articles of men's clothing and toilet articles, along with a car rental agreement in the name of JOHN WONTOWICZ. Also located in this vehicle was a typewritten note, the text of which reads as follows:

"DEAR SIR,

"PLEASE TRY TO RELAX AND STAY CALM AS YOU READ THIS NOTE NO HARM WILL COME TOO YOU IF YOU DO EXACTLY AS YOU ARE TOLD. THIS IS A HOLD UP. THERE IS A BOMB IN THE BAG AT MY FEET, IF TRIGGERED THE WHOLE BUILDING AND HALF OF THE BLOCK WILL GO UP. THE LIVES OF ALL OF US DEPENDS ON YOUR ACTIONS AND THE OTHERS PRESENT. TAKE THE VAULT KEYS AND ACCOMPANY US TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM. WE WILL FOLLOW YOU. WE ARE HEAVILY ARMED AND WILL NOT HESITATE TO KILL ANYONE WHO DOES NOT DO EZACTLY AS THEY ARE TOLD. COMPLET E COOPERATION IS THE ONLY COURSE. THERE IS NO REASON FOR ANYONE TOO BE INJURED OR KILLED. IT IS ALL UP TO YOU. THIS IS AN OFFER YOU CANT REFUSE.

"THE BOYS"

This vehicle is described as follows:

Make	Plymouth "Duster"
Year	1972
Color	Tan
Style	Two door, hard top
License	New York

The above vehicle was impounded by the New York City Police Department.

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During the progress of a bank robbery at the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York on August 22 and 23, 1972, the subjects who were holding hostages in the bank commanded agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to obtain food and beverages for themselves and the hostages. The food and beverage was obtained and placed near the front entrance of the bank at the direction of the subjects. The subjects directed one of the female hostages to bring the food and beverages into the bank and shortly thereafter one of the subjects threw a large number of new one dollar bills in United States currency out the front entrance of the bank. This currency was scattered on the sidewalk in front of the bank and was quickly recovered by Special Agents of the FBI and given into the custody of SA [REDACTED]. Also at this time one of the subjects handed Special Agent in Charge FREDERICK FEHL, \$100.00 in one dollar denominations, new United States currency, this money was also given to the custody of SA [REDACTED]. A count of this money recovered determined the amount to be \$1099.00.

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On August 23, 1972, a crime scene search was conducted of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, following a robbery of that institution which commenced on August 22, 1972 and ended on August 23, 1972. As a result of this search, the following items were seized as evidence, which was marked and preserved:

One green hardback notebook bearing the word "Decoy" on its cover, from the teller's counter, mid-way in the teller's line

\$1,205.00 in United States currency, all \$5 denominations, scattered the length of the teller's counter floor

\$295.00 in United States currency, \$5 denominations, found on top of the tellers' counter

\$1,000.00 in United States currency, all \$20 denominations, found in the center of the 2nd officer's desk

\$1,701.00 in United States currency, all \$1 denominations, found on the 2nd officer's desk

\$900.00 in United States currency, all \$1, denominations, found in a seat near the third officer's desk

\$300.00 in United States currency, all \$1 denominations, found on the floor near the doorway to the rear conference room

One car board box wrapped in brown wrapping paper located on the customer counter at front of bank

Unknown number of money wrappers removed from lounge of bank

Letter opener removed from bank floor

Two drinking glasses removed from lounge area

Four paper cups removed from area of desk # 3

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Two drinking glasses removed from area of desk #2.

Six paper cups removed from bank lounge area

Miscellaneous items removed from area of bank lounge

Glass ash tray located near on chair near rear bank

8 cigarette butts removed from above ash tray

2 packs of paper matches removed from desk #2

1 paper cup removed from desk #2

8 cigarette butts removed from white cup on desk #2

1 True brand cigarette pack removed from desk #3

1 Marlboro brand cigarette pack removed from desk #3

1 paper match book removed from desk #3

1 Bio-Pure aspirin bottle removed from desk #3

1 Gold striped mens tie removed from bank floor.

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On August 23, 1972, the interior of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, was processed for latent fingerprint impressions following a robbery of that institution, which began on August 22, 1972 and continued until August 23, 1972.

The following latent fingerprint impressions were obtained and marked and preserved for evidentiary purposes:

- 4 impressions - door to safe deposit area
- 3 impressions - cash drawer, teller's position number 3
- 1 impression - telephone, first officer's desk
- 3 impressions - telephone, second officer's desk
- 1 impression - telephone, third officer's desk
- 2 impressions - telephone, telephone, safe deposit desk
- 1 impression - telephone, rear room shelf
- 2 impressions - rear kitchen door
- 7 impressions - work room rear door

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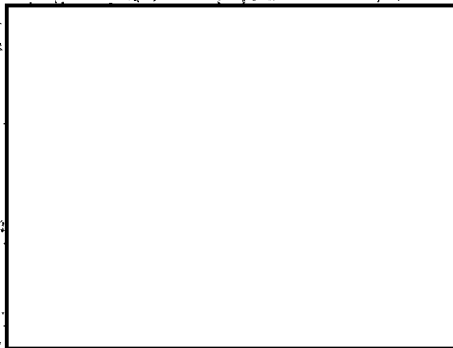
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On August 23, 1972, a crime scene search was conducted by SAs [redacted] and RAIMON L. PATTON at the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, shortly after a robbery at that bank on the same date. \$15,401 in United States Currency was recovered at different places on the banking floor:

\$1250 in \$5 bills on floor behind tellers counter  
\$295 in \$5 bills on top of teller's counter  
\$1000 in \$20 bills and \$1701 in \$1 bills on desk on officers' platform  
\$900 in \$1 bills in bag on floor of platform  
\$300 in \$5 bills on floor at rear of platform

The above audit was verified by the following examiners from Chase Manhattan's Controllers Office, 1 New York Plaza, New York, New York:



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SAs [redacted]

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PHOTOGRAPH OF DEPOSIT SLIP IN  
NAME OF GOODMAN, FILLED OUT BY  
WOJTOWICZ

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DEPOSITED IN  
**THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, N.A.**



This deposit accepted under and subject to the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Please use your personalized pre-encoded deposit tickets.  
If you need more, just use your reorder card or ask a Teller.

DEPOSIT TO  
ACCOUNT OF

*Joseph P. Goodman*  
*201 East 3rd St*

(BOXES BELOW FOR BANK USE ONLY)

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RET'D		5			

Cash .....

Checks .....

List separately

DOLLARS CENTS

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TOTAL

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ACCOUNT NUMBER

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PHOTOGRAPH OF DEMAND NOTE

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INTERVIEW REGARDING TAPED CONVERSATION  
WITH SALVATORE NATURALE, aka NATURILE,  
RADIO STATION WWRL

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[redacted] radio station WWRL, telephone number 335-5925, telephonically contacted the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and advised that he had just talked on the telephone with an individual who identified himself as one of the bank robbers at the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York. The male individual identified himself as SALVATORE NATURALE. He advised that a tape had been made of this conversation and would be in his possession if needed at a later date.

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INTERVIEW OF SPECIAL AGENT

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ARREST OF WOJTOWICZ AND

SHOOTING OF NATURALE

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At approximately 4:10 AM, August 22, 1972, SA [ ] parked a 12 passenger limousine in front of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York. Immediately after this vehicle was parked, JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ exited the above bank and gave the limousine and Agent [ ] a thorough search for weapons, after which he instructed Agent [ ] to return to the drivers seat of the limousine while he reentered the bank. After a few minutes in the bank, WOJTOWICZ sent one hostage out from the bank and placed her in the second row of the limousine, directly behind the drivers seat. He then sent the second hostage out and placed this hostage immediately to the right of the first. Following the second hostage, a third hostage exited the bank and took a seat in the third row behind the drivers seat. After the third hostage was seated, WOJTOWICZ, accompanied by SALVATORE NATURALE, exited the bank with five additional hostages, and proceeded to the limousine where NATURALE took a seat in the third row center and WOJTOWICZ took a seat in the fourth row center. Four of the five hostages who exited the bank at the same time as NATURALE and WOJTOWICZ, took seats in the second, third and fourth row right side, and the fourth row behind the drivers seat.

The limousine driven by SA [ ] was escorted to John F. Kennedy Airport in caravan fashion. Upon arrival at the airport, SA [ ] was escorted to the satellite area by a Port Authority Police car and a Federal Bureau of Investigation vehicle containing three Special Agents. At approximately 5:24 AM, once situated at the satellite area, and while the 12 passenger jet was taxiing to the satellite area, SA [ ] turned and deflected the shotgun which had been pointed at him during the entire trip by NATURALE, and fired one shot into the chest of NATURALE, mortally wounding him. JOHN WOJTOWICZ immediately surrendered to SA [ ] and was taken into Federal custody.

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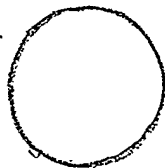
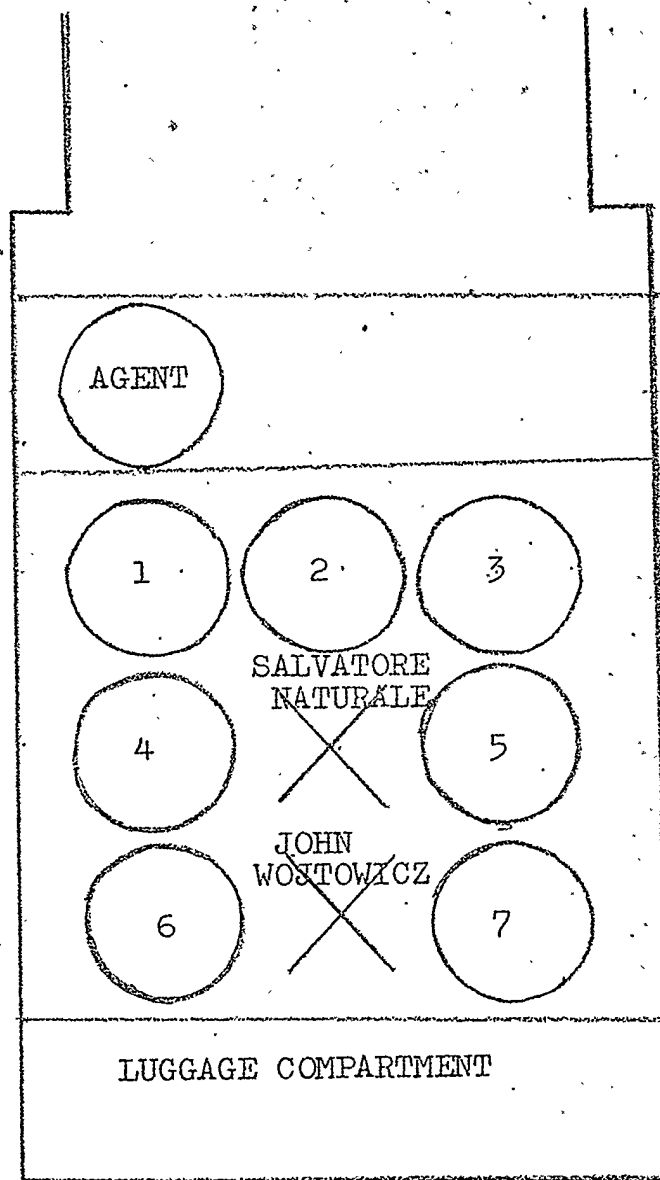
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DIAGRAM OF LIMOUSINE AND  
POSITION OF HOSTAGES

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- HOSTAGES



- SUBJECTS

Drawing represents positions of hostages and subjects from the bank to the airport. Hostage number 1 was released at airport, and was not in limousine at time of shooting.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF LIMOUSINE

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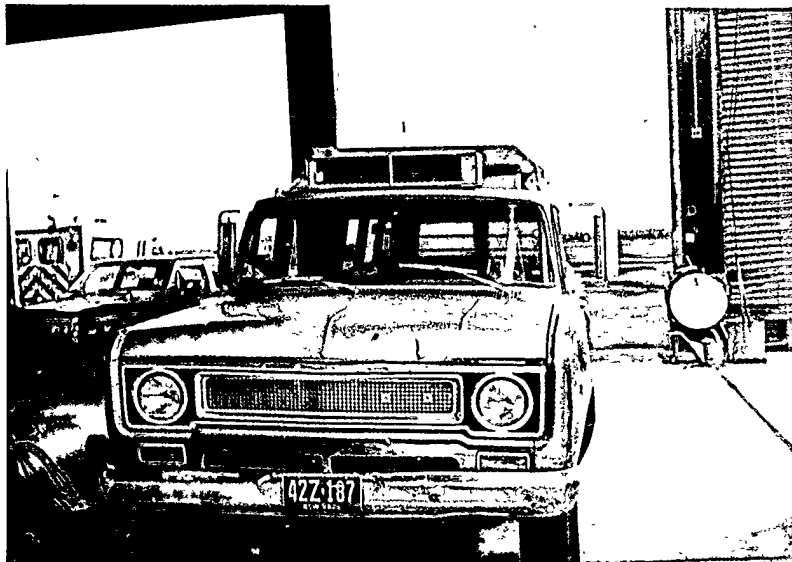
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The limousine bearing New York license 42Z-187 was photographed by Special Agent [redacted] in the garage of the New York Port Authority Police, John F. Kennedy Airport, Queens, New York.

A photograph of this limousine is attached.

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The following weapons were seized from JOHN WOJTOWICZ at the time of his arrest on August 23, 1972, at John F. Kennedy International Airport, Queens, New York:

One 303 British rifle, manufacturer unknown, bearing the following markings: "FR" on stock, model 4 MK 1 (F) FTR, serial number 149-BA-10136

One Colt Cobra .38 Special, serial number B 76655, with six rounds of .38 Special ammunition

A National Crime Information Center inquiry was made on the above two weapons, and it was determined that the Colt Cobra had been reported stolen by the New Haven Federal Bureau of Investigation Office as part of a hijacking matter.

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SA GEORGE J. SMALL/JJM/bs

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The following weapon was seized from the person of SALVATORE NATURALE at the time of his death at John F. Kennedy International Airport, Queens, New York, on August 23, 1972:

One Mossberg model 500 AG 12 gauge shotgun bearing serial number G 73933, fully loaded with six cartridges of number four load.

A National Crime Information Center inquiry was made for the above weapon with negative results.

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INTERVIEW OF

JOHN STANLEY WOJCIOWICZ

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JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ was interviewed in the office of the New York City Port Authority Police, John F. Kennedy (JFK) Airport, Queens, New York. He was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview.

He was immediately advised of his rights by furnishing him with the form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights", which he read, advised he understood, and then signed. This form is being retained in the New York Division file.

WOJTOWICZ was interviewed and he furnished the following information:

He admitted that he had robbed the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, on August 22, 1972. He robbed this bank with SAL (Last Name Unknown) (LNU), and [redacted]

He advised that at approximately 2:45 PM, on August 22, 1972, SAL (LNU) entered the bank first, followed by [redacted] and then himself. He carried a rifle and shotgun into the bank in a cardboard box, while SAL carried a .38 caliber revolver into the bank. He placed the box down next to a customer convenience counter and filled out a deposit slip.

[redacted] came over to him and stated that he had changed his mind about robbing the bank and had not given the previously typed demand note to the bank manager. He told [redacted] to give the manager the demand note, but [redacted] refused and ran out of the bank.

He then told SAL to announce the robbery to the bank manager. He observed SAL walking toward the bank manager as he went to a bank teller and asked for silver dollars and new bills. At this point he saw SAL with the bank manager and bank guard in the corner. He then went to the teller's window, thinking SAL was being held by the bank guard, ripped open the box, removed the shotgun and then announced the holdup. SAL then stood in up with the revolver in his hand. He told the tellers to stay away from the alarms.

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He then ordered the tellers to remove the money from the money drawers. The tellers gave him a rough estimate of \$25,000 to \$29,000 of the cash which was furnished.

He stated that they then waited for the armored truck to arrive for the money in the vault, which he believed to be approximately \$100,000 to \$200,00. A teller told him that the shipment had been picked up at 11:30 AM. He ordered the tellers to open the vault, examined the vault, and found it empty.

He then took American Express Travelers checks and cash into a suitcase. He was burning bank records in a trash can when a New York City Police Department (NYCPD) car arrived outside. He made the tellers continue working and told the manager to tell the Police that the basket accidentally caught on fire.

He received a telephone call from the police telling him that the bank was surrounded and that the police knew there was a holdup.

He advised that SAL suggested that they bargain for an airplane. He stated that and he wanted his "wife" ERNEST ARON and "PATTY" (LNU). ARON was in the Kings County Hospital and due to be released.

He advised that he released the bank guard because he was told that [REDACTED]

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It was SAL's idea for the airport limousine to take them to the airport, because SAL didn't trust the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). SAL also wanted to kill the hostages if anything went wrong.

After arriving at the airport, he saw SAL get shot while in the limousine. At this time he took out his revolver and handed it over to the closest FBI Agent.

He advised that the car he drove to the bank was a Dodge Duster, rented from Econo-Car, in Brooklyn, New York. He rented this car using his own name.

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[REDACTED]

He described [REDACTED] as follows

Sex  
Race  
Age  
Height  
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Prior military  
Service  
Employment  
Characteristics

[REDACTED]

Regarding the weapons used during the robbery, he advised that he purchased the .38 caliber revolver from [REDACTED] who is employed at [REDACTED] Greenwich Village, New York. He paid \$125.00 in cash for this weapon on August 20, 1972. He told [REDACTED] that the weapon was for personal protection. He denied that [REDACTED] knew anything about the bank robbery.

He described [REDACTED] as follows:

Sex  
Race  
Age  
Build  
Height  
Hair  
Characteristics

[REDACTED]

On August 12, 1972, he purchased the rifle and shotgun from [REDACTED] New York. [REDACTED] was said to have purchased the rifle from a sporting goods store in Poughkeepsie, New York for \$80.00, but it was not known where the rifle had been purchased. [REDACTED] had several rifles in his possession and he paid \$35.00 for the one he received. He denied that [REDACTED] had any knowledge of the robbery.



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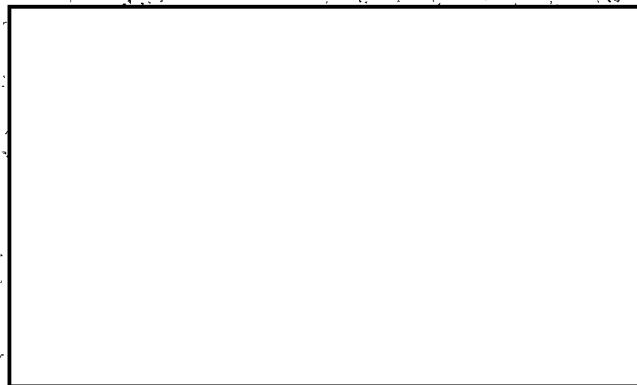
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He advised that he met SAL approximately one month ago in Old Danny's, Christopher Street, Greenwich Village, New York.

He stated that the idea for this bank robbery came from [ ] (LNU), who was a "Big Shot in a Bank". [ ] was supposed to receive one half of the bank loot for his planning of the robbery.

He described [ ] (LNU) as follows:

Sex  
Race  
Age  
Height  
Build  
Hair  
Clothing  
Characteristics  
Places frequented



[ ] On August 22, 1972, he advised that he, SAL, and [ ] drove to at least four different banks, looking for one to rob. He furnished the names and addresses of these banks as follows:

1. Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company  
Essex and Delancy Street  
Brooklyn, New York
2. Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company  
Waverly Street  
Brooklyn, New York
3. Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company  
Avenue B  
Brooklyn, New York
4. Chase Manhattan Bank  
450 Avenue P  
Brooklyn, New York

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The following description and background data was obtained from observation and personal interview with WOJTOWICZ:

Name	JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ, also known as (aka) "Little John Basso, Joseph Glass
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	March 9, 1945
Place of birth	Brooklyn, New York
Height	5'4½"
Weight	120
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Residence	250 West 10th Street, New York New York, apartment GF-8, no telephone
Occupation	Bank Teller
Previous employment	Security National Bank Madison Avenue and 84th Street New York, New York
	Royal National Bank New York, New York 087-38-6115
Social Security #	
Prior military service	United States Army, 1966-1969, Rank-private, serial number RA51604832
Education	Completed 12th grade, Erasmus Hall, Brooklyn, New York

Characteristics

Admitted homosexual

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Associates

ERNEST ARON (described as his  
homosexual wife), 105 Luquer  
Brooklyn, New York



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JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ, was interviewed in the Federal Detention Center, 347 West Street, New York, New York. He was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. He was immediately furnished with the form entitled, "Interrogation; Advice of Rights", which he read, advised that he understood, and then signed. This form is being retained in the New York Division file. He was interviewed and he furnished the following information:

He advised that he had lied during a previous interview on August 23, 1972, about there being a fourth individual involved in the planning of the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, on August 22, 1972. He stated that the reason he told everyone, including the press that there was someone else involved, was to use as a means to bargain for a reduction in sentence. He also told the others involved in the robbery that there was a fourth individual involved in order to build their confidence in him.

He stated that he financed the robbery by borrowing approximately \$550 from the Chase Manhattan Bank branch, in Greenwich Village, New York, on July 31, 1972. This money he obtained through a normal loan, using his own name. He showed this money to [redacted]

He advised that [redacted]

[redacted] He bought the rifle and shotgun used during the robbery on August 22, 1972 from [redacted] but denied that [redacted] had any knowledge of the robbery being planned.

He stated that he typed the bank robbery note which was to be used during the robbery on August 22, 1972. He used the typewriter belonging to [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) (LNU), [redacted] in Greenwich Village, New York, and has telephone number [redacted]. The typewriter is said to be in this shop.

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He was furnished with a photograph of [redacted] and he identified the white male in this photograph as being the third individual involved in the bank robbery on August 22, 1972. He identified this individual as [redacted] and he signed and dated the back of the photograph. This photograph is being retained in the New York Division file.

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SIGNED STATEMENT OF  
JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ

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"I, John Stanley Wojtowicz, make this free and voluntary statement to [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). No promises or threats have been made to me. I understand and know what I am doing. I am in good physical and mental health.

I was born on March 9, 1945, in Brooklyn, New York. I completed the twelfth grade in high school and can read and write the English language.

"Approximately two or three weeks ago I decided to rob a bank. I recruited two other individuals for this robbery, but I had not decided which bank to rob.

"In order to finance this robbery I borrowed five hundred dollars from a branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank, on Ninth Avenue, in the Village section of New York City, using my true name.

"On August 12, 1972, I bought a shotgun and rifle from an individual for the robbery. On August 19, 1972, I bought a .38 caliber revolver for the robbery.

"On August 22, 1972, I entered the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, with the intent to rob it. I had previously typed out a demand note to be handed to the bank manager. I was in on the plan to take hostages if necessary at the bank.

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"I carried the shotgun and rifle into the bank in a box. I took the shotgun out of the box and announced the holdup.

"After the New York City Police Department car arrived at the bank I telephonically talked to a police Lieutenant.

"During the time when the bank was surrounded by the police and FBI agents I fired a shot through the back door, to force the police from breaking in the back door. I also accidentally discharged the rifle into the floor.

"I released the bank guard in order to show good faith in my negotiations with the police.

"After demanding a plane be provided for transportation to foreign country or some place in the United States and a limosine be provided for transporting myself and the hostages to JFK airport. I was driven to the airport. I later surrendered after a shot was fired.

"I have signed the back of the demand note which I typed, after identifying same, and I have signed the back of the deposit slip which I filled out inside of the bank.

" I have read this statement consisting of three pages and have found it to be true and correct.

"/s/ John S. Wajtowicz  
8/25/72

"Witnessed:

"/s/ [redacted] SA, FBI, New York, New York, 8/25/72.  
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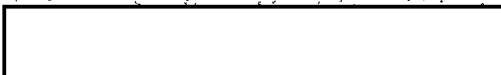
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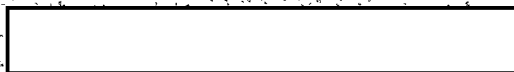
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MEDICAL EXAMINATION REPORT

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[redacted]  
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, City of New York, 520 First Avenue, New York, New York, telephone number MU4-1600, advised that during the autopsy of SALVATORE NATURALE performed by him on this date, he removed a bullet of approximately .38 caliber from Mr. NATURALE'S left back region. He advised that as a result of this autopsy, he determined that the bullet passed through the chest and lung in a horizontal path and lodged in the left region of the back, and Mr. NATURALE died as a result of this gunshot wound.

[redacted] initialed the bullet for identification purposes and then gave custody of the bullet to Special Agent [redacted] for safekeeping.

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[redacted] advised that on the evening of August 22, 1972, NATURALE called him from the bank in Brooklyn, which he was holding up at the time, and told him that they were surrounded by the police. NATURALE asked him what he should do and [redacted] stated he replied to give yourself up. [redacted] stated he knew nothing more concerning the robbery.

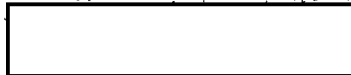
[redacted] advised that he is employed at [redacted]  
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[redacted] advised that he is unemployed.

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FBI ARREST RECORD OF  
DONALD MATTERSON, aka  
Salvatore Naturale

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
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On August 22, 1972, during the evening hours, United States Attorney (USA) ROBERT A. MORSE, Eastern District of New York (EDNY), was contacted and advised of the facts concerning the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, on August 22, 1972, and that hostages were being held inside of the bank. Mr. MORSE verbally authorized the arrest of JOHN WOJTOWICZ and SALVATORE NATURALE for violation of the bank robbery statute.

On August 23, 1972, the facts pertaining to the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, on August 22, 1972, were presented to Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) EDWARD J. BOYD, EDNY. He advised that he would authorize prosecution of JOHN WOJTOWICZ and [REDACTED]. Prosecution of WOJTOWICZ would be for violation of United States Code, Title 18, Section 2113 (a) (e) and 2. Prosecution of [REDACTED] would be for United States Code, Title 18, Section 371. Mr. BOYD was advised that SALVATORE NATURALE, also known as Donald Matterson, had been killed by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Mr. BOYD advised that he would withhold his prosecutive opinion concerning the crime aboard aircraft violation until a later date.

On August 23, 1972, a complaint was filed before United States Magistrate MAX SCHIFFMAN, EDNY, regarding JOHN WOJTOWICZ and [REDACTED]. A warrant for the arrest of [REDACTED] was issued at this time.

On August 23, 1972, JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ, was arraigned before United States Magistrate SCHIFFMAN, EDNY, and remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal, in lieu of \$250,000 cash bond.

On August 23, 1972, [REDACTED] New York City Police Department (NYCPD), 10th Detective Division (10th DD), Robbery Detail, [REDACTED] advised that he was the case detective in this matter.

On August 24, 1972, [REDACTED] was arraigned before United States Magistrate SCHIFFMAN, EDNY, and at this time the complaint was amended to correct the spelling of his last name, previously listed as [REDACTED] was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal, EDNY, in lieu of \$50,000 cash bond.

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On August 24, 1972, [redacted] advised that a review of the records of the NYCPD in the name of [redacted]

On August 25, 1972, [redacted] furnished a photograph of [redacted] to SA [redacted] FBI, NY, NY. This photograph did not appear to be identical with the [redacted] arrested for the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank, on August 22, 1972. [redacted] also furnished a photograph of [redacted] date of photograph August 21, 1972, and one photograph of DONALD MATTERSON, B # 2719727, date of photograph July 9, 1972. He advised that he intended to interview WOJTOWICZ at the Federal Detention Center, 347 West Street, New York, New York, on August 25, 1972.

On August 25, 1972, AUSA EDWARD J. BOYD, EDNY, was presented with the facts pertaining to the involvement of [redacted] and [redacted] in the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, on August 22, 1972. Mr. BOYD advised that since they only sold weapons to JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ for cash and did not apparently have any knowledge of the bank robbery being planned, he would decline prosecution of [redacted] for violation of the bank robbery statute, United States Code, Title 18, Section 2113.

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SUBJECT: JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ, aka;  
[redacted] aka;  
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450 AVENUE P,  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8/22/72  
BR

*New York NY*

ReNYrep of SA [redacted] 8/29/72.

On 8/31/72, FAGB of captioned matter presented to FGJ, EDNY. AUSA EDWARD J. BOYD, EDNY handled presentation. On 8/31/72, true bill returned and indictment signed by USDJ JOHN R. BARTELS, EDNY, charging WOJTOWICZ and [redacted] with violation of USC, Title 18, Section 2113(a) (d) (e), 2, and 371.

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## A Blighted 'Affair' Led to Bank Holdup

By MURRAY SCHUMACH

In the dismal, all-male rooming house at 250 West 10th Street, friends of John Wojtowicz were amazed yesterday that he had been charged with bank robbery and abduction in connection with the attempted robbery of a Brooklyn bank on Tuesday.

"Little John was a hell of a pleasant guy," said a resident of the building where Wojtowicz had a room. "Very friendly. I never knew him to hurt anyone. I can't believe he would have shot any of the hostages. But maybe he would have tried to shoot one of the cops."

In the morgue, Wallace Hamilton, a middle-aged man who identified the body of 18-year-old Salvatore Naturale, the other bank robber, said:

"He was a six-time loser and nobody gave a damn about him. He got out about six months ago. He was trying to stay out of jail and he was doing it."

At the arraignment in Federal Court in Brooklyn yesterday, Wojtowicz's lawyer told of his client's honorable discharge from the Army after service in Vietnam, his separation from a wife and two children and a past free of crime.

The murky backgrounds of the two young men emerged in blotchy patterns from interviews with friends, police officials and hostages.

In the case of 27-year-old Wojtowicz, the anguish of his avowed homosexual love affair was an important factor in a quest for money.

And for the accomplice, who was slain by a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, police authorities in New Jersey traced a career backward from grand larceny and possession of burglars' tools, to possession of dangerous drugs, to truancy and to a childhood of moving around a lot with his mother.

"He was an outlaw," recalled a detective in Keansburg, N.J., where Naturale had lived as a where Naturale had lived two years as a teen-ager. "Always in trouble and always a headache."

The youth, who sported a faint blond mustache and crude tattoos on his arms and thigh, drifted toward Manhattan. He was arrested in Times Square last May on charges of loitering and possession of dangerous drugs. When fingerprinted by the New York police, he gave his name as Donald Matterson of 254 West 25th Street.

A month later, when arrested on charges of grand larceny and possession of burglary tools, Naturale identified himself again as Matterson, but said he lived at 194 Academy Street, Jersey City.

There was little secrecy about Wojtowicz's blighted homosexual romance among his friends at the Greenwich Village rooming house that the police call "Boystown."

They talked with great admiration of the thousands of dollars Wojtowicz spent last spring for what they called his wedding to Ernest Aron in a large restaurant and bar.

"Little John bought Ernie a beautiful wedding gown," said one of his friends. "He had gowns for the bridesmaids — they came in drag. He had a movie made and a photograph album. He very clearly loved Ernie."

In less than two months the couple had split up and Wojtowicz hitchhiked to Florida and then up to Maine to persuade his "wife" to rejoin him.

"They split, they got together," a friend said. "Relationships among gay people are different from heterosexuals."

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On Tuesday night, Wojtowicz released a hostage to induce his "wife" to rejoin him, but Mr. Aron refused. Mr. Aron was brought to the scene from Kings County Hospital, where he is a patient.

A hostage said that Mr. Wojtowicz needed money because he wanted to take Mr. Aron to Denmark and have a "sex operation" performed.

Naturale, however, seemed determined to disabuse acquaintances of any idea that

he was a homosexual, though he apparently was with Wojtowicz in Danny's, a bar at 140 Seventh Avenue South frequented by homosexuals, when the idea of robbing a bank was suggested to them by a middle-aged man who said he was a vice president at Chase Manhattan.

Friends of Naturale and Wojtowicz were convinced it would be dismissed as a joke.

"He'd gotten himself a job and straightened out," said a friend of Naturale's. "This time he was really going to try. And then this creep got to him."

He worked as a part-time stock clerk and odd jobber at the Peppery Candy Store, 136 Seventh Avenue South, since shortly after it opened about three months ago.

"He seemed to be quite normal and he was perfectly honest," said Joseph Manganello, owner of the store. "When he worked, he worked very hard, and I was completely shocked that he would do what he did."

The Veterans Administration said its records in Brooklyn showed that Wojtowicz had served in the Army from March 29, 1966, to March 28, 1969, when he received an honorable discharge. Since his release, he had been treated for four episodes of gonorrhea.

His lawyer said yesterday that Wojtowicz had been receiving psychiatric treatment, but the V.A. said he had declined psychiatric help from its hospital in Brooklyn. At St. Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan, it was reported that he had appeared one day at the clinic for an interview and never returned.

Before he went into the Army he worked as a bank teller for Chase Manhattan for a few months. He went back to work for the bank for several months after he was discharged. According to a spokesman for the bank, he left after expressing dissatisfaction with a clerical training program he was in.

From September, 1970, until April, 1971, he was a teller with the Royal National Bank at its branch at Madison Avenue and 84th Street. The bank merged with Security National Bank last May.

The prisoner's mother, Theresa, said of her son:

"He's not a mean kid. He's not the type who would hurt anybody. He's disturbed."



Salvatore Naturale, known to police here as Donald Matterson.

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## Bank Bandit Slain, 2d Seized at Kennedy, Ending 14-Hour Ordeal for 7 Hostages

### Code Word Is Signal for Shot by F.B.I. Agent

By ROBERT HANLEY

A 14-hour ordeal for seven bank employees held hostage by a distraught homosexual and his 18-year-old accomplice ended just before sunrise yesterday when a Federal agent shot and killed the youth at Kennedy International Airport.

Just after the youth, identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as Salvatore Natuarale, was hit with the single bullet in the chest, the other alleged robber, John Wojtowicz, was overpowered and captured.

The seven hostages then walked out onto the tip of a remote runway from a 14-passenger limousine that the gunman had ordered driven to Kennedy from the scene of the holdup Tuesday afternoon of a Chase Manhattan Bank branch in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn.

The agent who fired the shot drove the vehicle. He was part of a strategy that included a code word from another agent during an apparently innocuous conversation about the small jet plane the gunmen had demanded be brought to Kennedy.

The moment the code word was spoken, the driver, who was not identified, grabbed a shotgun Natuarale had aimed at his head. Then he whirled in his seat, pulled out a concealed .38-caliber revolver and shot Natuarale.

The youth was two rows behind the agent and was flanked by two hostages. There was an empty row in between. Wojtowicz was seized through an open window by the agent in charge of the op-

eration, was seated in the fifth and last row of the limousine with three hostages in front of him and one on either side.

Wojtowicz, a slim 27-year-old with a thick crop of brown hair, gave in meekly, in contrast to his boldness when he threatened to kill the nine hostages he and Natuarale seized Tuesday afternoon in the bank at Avenue P and East Third Street.

The bizarre drama ended at 5:24 A.M., about 40 minutes after the limousine roared onto a dusty service road leading to the runway on the northern fringe of the airport. and toward the jet the gunmen had asked for without ever saying where they wanted to be flown.

F.B.I. agents hustled the hostages—the bank manager and six female tellers—away for a brief round of questioning and then returned them to their homes in Brooklyn.

Natuarale was taken by ambulance to Jamaica Hospital in Queens, where he was pronounced dead on arrival from the slug that tore through his left lung and heart.

Hours later, two friends of Natuarale's arrived at the morgue at Bellevue Hospital to identify his body. They were Wallace Hamilton, a self-described "Greenwich Village veteran" who said Natuarale was struggling to avoid lawlessness after a life of truancy and juvenile delinquency, and a tearful 18-year-old.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is seeking an executive of the Chase Manhattan Bank with whom Wojtowicz maintained he was drinking in a "gay bar downtown" when Wojtowicz said he was planning the robbery.

The F.B.I. said Wojtowicz had told agents that he had never met Mr. Natuarale before planning the robbery, adding, "The guy who set this up brought us together."

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His friend met with John, the teen-ager said, at Danny's, a bar to be frequented by homosexuals, at 140 Seventh Avenue South.

Meantime, Wojtowicz, who was separated from his wife Carmen in 1969 about the time he was honorably discharged from the Army, was ordered held in \$250,000 bail on charges of armed robbery and abduction when he was arraigned before United States Magistrate Max Schiffman in Federal Court in Brooklyn.

Mark A. Landsman, his court-appointed lawyer, argued futilely for a lower bail, asserted that his client was a "clean defendant" without any prior police record.

Wojtowicz, who worked twice briefly in the nineteen-sixties as a teller or a clerical trainee for Chase Manhattan branches, has recently lived in a red-brick, four-story rooming house at 250 West 10th Street.

The picture that began to emerge of Natuarale's life was that of a silent, lonely youth whose mother was locked up twice for vagrancy in the New Jersey Shore community Keansburg and then ordered from the town a year ago in lieu of a 60-day sentence, according to police records there.

Natuarale apparently drifted from Keansburg to New York City. Earlier this year, he was arrested here twice, both times giving his name as Donald Mat-

terson. There was no disposition in either case.

Presumably, his apparently rootless life crossed paths with Mr. Wojtowicz in the bars in Greenwich Village frequented by homosexuals.

On Tuesday afternoon the two men were trapped in the bank in Flatbush when a police cruiser pulled up outside as they were about to emerge with \$29,000 they had seized just before closing time, 3 P.M. A bank executive sounded the alarm after he guessed in a routine closing-time call to the branch manager, Robert J. Barrett, that something was amiss.

Armed with a rifle, shotgun and a pistol, the two gunmen seized Mr. Barrett; Mrs. Dolores Goettisheim, his assistant manager; Calvin Jones, a Burns Protection Agency guard, and six tellers, Maureen Andrews, Joan Saunders, Kathleen Amore,

Santa Strazzella, Shirley Ball and Josephine Tuttino—all of Brooklyn.

Mr. Jones was released three hours later when he pleaded that his mother was ill. But the others remained inside while Wojtowicz told newsmen calling the bank at the outset of the siege that he would kill all the hostages unless his homosexual "wife," Ernest Aron, was brought to him from the psychiatric ward in Kings County Hospital.

In the eight months they have lived together, according to a hospital spokesman, Godfrey Jacobs, Mr. Aron had come to have a mortal fear of Wojtowicz. Sherman McCoy, the administrator of psychiatric services, said that on Sunday after being repeatedly told by Wojtowicz that he would get \$3,000 for Mr. Aron to undergo a sexual change operation—Mr. Aron attempted to commit suicide. He took 30 sleeping pills and 15 tablets of Darvon, a pain killer, Mr. McCoy said.

Mr. Aron was taken to the bank but refused repeatedly to see Wojtowicz.

Later, as darkness fell and the crowds that had gathered outside the bank in the afternoon grew thicker, Wojtowicz rejected appeals from his mother as well as from a psychiatrist and several friends to give up and free the hostages.

At first he also refused to talk with F.B.I. agents, but as the evening wore on Wojtowicz occasionally emerged to talk with authorities, including Robert A. Morse, United States Attorney for the Eastern District.

#### Long Discussions

In the background, an F.B.I. team, under the direction of Richard J. Baker, began drawing several contingency plans to rescue the hostages and capture the gunmen.

At one point, Mr. Baker went to the bank and spent a half-hour conferring inside on what he later described only "as wide-ranging series of discussions over many different propositions."

Shortly before 10 P.M., word emerged that the pair demanded to be taken to Kennedy. But it was not until 3:30 A.M., after protracted dickering about how to get to Kennedy and win

freedom for the hostages, that the limousine pulled up outside the bank, with an F.B.I. agent at the wheel.

At 3:50 A.M., 10 minutes after the F.B.I. agent drove up in the vehicle, Wojtowicz emerged with a rifle slung over his shoulder and started frisking the agent and searching the limousine as anguished relatives of some of the hostages—as well as of Wojtowicz himself—watched from down the street.

Just after 4 A.M., the two gunmen hustled seven of the eight remaining hostages into the limousine, leaving Mrs. Tuttino behind in the bank, and the vehicle left for Kennedy Airport followed by two dozen police and F.B.I. cars, many with red lights flashing.

#### Civilians Barred

At 4:45 A.M., the string of cars, pursued by about two dozen carloads of curiosity-seekers, streamed down Rockaway Boulevard. The limousine and a half dozen cars filled with F.B.I. officials were allowed through the chain-link gate across the service road at New York Avenue, but civilians who clustered at the gate were told to leave.

They sped toward the Hansa, which had arrived at Runway 22R at Kennedy at 2:40 A.M. after a quick hop in from Newark Airport. The jet, which is owned by the Hansa Jet Corporation, a private charter airline of White Plains, had earlier been stripped of its 12 passenger seats to shuttle 4,000 pounds of airmail to Pittsburgh.

On the remote runway, Mr. Baker and his agents sprang their trap, which was keyed on passwords, as the jet approached. All hostages were still inside, with Natuarale flanked by two hostages in the third of five rows of seats and Wojtowicz flanked by two more in the fifth row.

Mr. Baker walked up to the window on the right of Wojtowicz and Frederick C. Fehl, the special agent in charge of the criminal division in the New York office, approached the window to Natuarale's left.

The two agents talked briefly about the size of the plane and about the refueling process about to get underway.

Then the agent at the wheel asked the question that sprang the trap.

"Will there be food on the plane," he said over his shoulder to Mr. Baker.

"Yes," Mr. Baker answered. The one word reply was the key to strike.

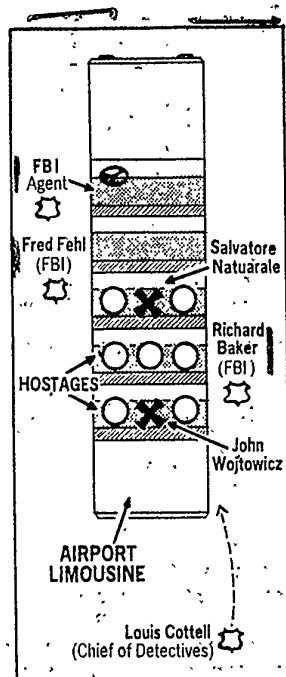
The driver spun in his seat and in one quick motion grabbed Natuarale's shotgun and pulled the concealed .38 revolver and shot him.

Mr. Fehl reached through the open window and helped the driver yank the shotgun toward the ceiling. Simultaneously, Mr. Baker reached through the window near Wojtowicz and jerked upward his .30-06 rifle, which had been lying on the lap of a hostage.

Louis C. Cottell, the chief of New York City detectives, who had been standing 15 feet away on orders from the gunmen, rushed in to assist Mr. Baker.

Wojtowicz, his friend slumping mortally wounded, gave up quietly. Mr. Barrett and the six women jumped out.

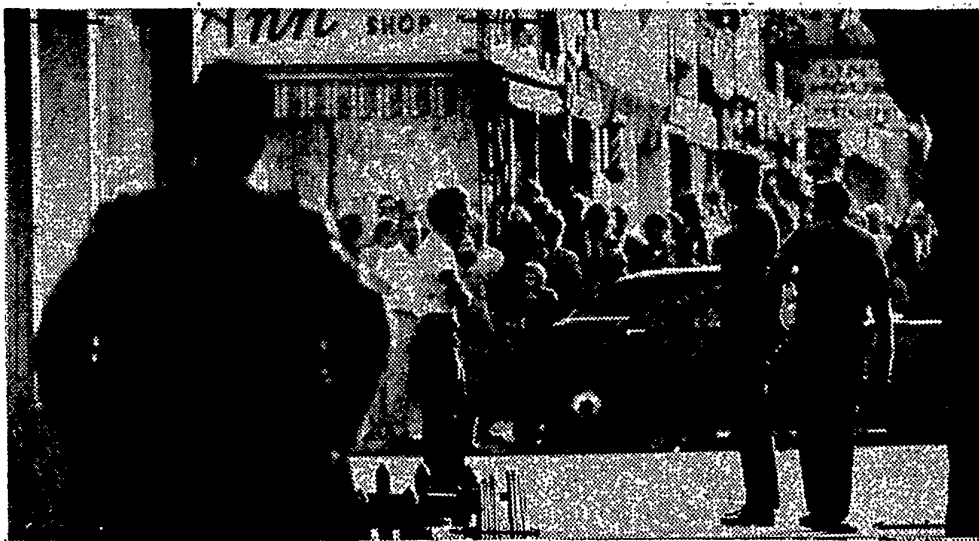
Later, at a news conference, the authorities refused to disclose how the driver's revolver had been concealed in the limousine.



The New York Times/Aug. 24, 1972

**How gunmen and hostages were seated as lawmen made move to close in.**





At one point in the Brooklyn bank robbery, John Wojtowicz, one of the robbers, ventured out to negotiate with city policemen; at another, F.B.I. agents spoke with a hostage.

Photographs for The New York Times by LARRY MORRIS



Later in the night, Wojtowicz reportedly insisted on paying for pizzas and threw out \$2,000. Agents hurriedly collected the money, and a hostage accepted the food.



John Wojtowicz, foreground, one of two gunmen who held hostages in a Brooklyn bank robbery attempt, being taken for arraignment in Federal Court.



Associated Press

Wojtowicz, carrying a rifle, inspecting a limousine brought to the bank to take gunmen and hostages to Kennedy Airport. A Federal agent driving the vehicle fatally wounded Wojtowicz's companion, Salvatore Natuarale, on an airport runway.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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TELETYPE

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM ADIC JOHN F. MALONE, NEW YORK

RE: JOHN S. WOJCIOWICZ; AND OTHERS

CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, FOUR FIVE ZERO AVENUE P, BROOKLYN

New York, NEW YORK  
N.Y., AUGUST TWENTY TWO, SEVENTY TWO BANK ROBBERY.

8-22-12

[REDACTED] OF LIFE MAGAZINE CALLED BY PHONE TODAY AND  
STATED THAT HE IS DOING AN ARTICLE ON THE CAPTIONED CASE.

HE INDICATED HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON AFTER  
INTERVIEWING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR RICHARD BAKER IN REGARD TO THE  
MATTER. HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHOM HE UNDERSTANDS SHOT SUBJECT NATURELE. I ADVISED  
HIM THAT THIS WAS CONTRARY TO THE POLICY OF THE BUREAU AND THAT THE  
RULE IS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE BUREAU. I CITED  
ONE INSTANCE IN NEW YORK WHERE THE IDENTITY AND ADDRESS OF  
THE PERSON INVOLVED IN A SHOOTING OF A SKYJACKER BECAME PUBLIC  
AND THIS RESULTED IN CONSIDERABLE HARASSMENT TO THE AGENT.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WOULD CONCEAL THE ADDRESS OF THE AGENT  
AND HE WOULD NOT PUBLISH HIS PHOTOGRAPH BUT THAT HE JUST  
WANTED TO TALK WITH HIM. I TOLD HIM THAT HIS REQUEST COULD NOT  
BE GRANTED. HE ASKED ME IF I WOULD RUN IT BY WASHINGTON

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ADIC Malone tel. advised  
10:40 AM, 8/31/72 - JFM

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AND IF THEY SAID NO HE WOULD BE SATISFIED. I  
TOLD HIM I WOULD. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY  
BY THREE P.M., AUGUST THIRTY FIRST, I WILL ADVISE  
THAT [REDACTED] IS NOT TO BE INTERVIEWED.

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LRS FBI HDQS

cc: Mr. Bishop

August 31, 1972

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Life Magazine, which is doing an article on the recent 8/22/72, robbery attempt of the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York which ended in the shooting to death of one robber by SA [redacted] New York Office, has requested Assistant Director Malone that [redacted] be permitted to interview. SA [redacted] Assistant Director Malone recommends against such interview and unless advised to the contrary by 3:00 p.m., 8/31/72, will so inform Life Magazine.

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As pointed out by Assistant Director Malone, in a previous New York killing of a hijacker, the Agent's identity became known, his photograph appeared in the press, and he and his family were subjected to harassment and threats for several weeks thereafter. It has been our policy not to permit such interviews nor to identify Agents involved in gun battles if at all possible and it is recommended this policy be continued.

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W. M. Felt  
Room 5744, Extension 3351

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Date: 8/24/72

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (91-12002)

SUBJECT: SALVATORE NATURALE, aka <sup>NR</sup>  
(DECEASED). JOHN S. <sup>NR</sup> WLOTTOWICZ;  
 aka *carper* NYtel 8-24-72FUGITIVE;  
Chase Manhattan Bank,  
450 Avenue P, Brooklyn,  
NY, 8/22/72  
BR  
(OO: NY)

Re NY teletype to Bureau 8/24/72.

Enclosed herewith are three copies of FD-418  
describing fatal shooting of subject NATURALE.A & D.

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Enclosures *Det. Tran Div.*  
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1049AM IMMEDIATE 8-23-72 PAC

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM NEW YORK 91-NEW 5P

*New York, F.D.*

SALVATORE NATURALE (PHONETIC) (DECEASED); JOHN S. WOJTCWICZ;  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, FOUR FIVE ZERO AVENUE P, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, *NY*  
EIGHT TWO TWO LAST, BANK ROBBERY.

REFERENCE NEW YORK TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, AUGUST TWO  
TWO AND TWO THREE, SEVENTY TWO.

AT APPROXIMATELY THREE FORTY FIVE P.M., EIGHT TWO TWO LAST,  
NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

ADVISED THEY RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM MALE UNSUB WHO  
ADVISED HE WAS ARMED AND HOLDING SEVERAL PERSONS HOSTAGE IN  
CAPTIONED ~~FBI~~ <sup>FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION</sup> INSURED BANK AND WOULD RELEASE THEM ONLY WHEN ONE

ERNEST AARON, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS HIS "WIFE",  
PHYSICALLY DELIVERED TO HIM AT THE BANK. CALLER ADVISED.  
AARON WAS THEN AT KINGS COUNTY HOSPITAL. NO DEMAND WAS THEN

MADE FOR MONEY. COVERAGE IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISHED BY  
AND NYCPD. INITIAL INVESTIGATION REFLECTED TWO WHITE MALES,  
AT LEAST ONE ARMED WITH SHOTGUN, WERE HOLDING NINE HOSTAGES  
SUBJECT TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS CAPTIONED. AARON APPEARED ON

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*CLASSIFYING*

*memo* *to Callahan*  
*8-29-72*

*Per SA [redacted] Gen. Invest.*  
*Div. Natwale has been*  
*positively ident. Fred as*  
*Source: [redacted]*  
*3-15-74*

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SCENE AS DEMANDED BUT HIS PRESENCE DID NOT SATISFY WOJTOWICZ. SUBJECTS THEN EXPRESSED NEW DEMAND THAT THEY BE AFFORDED TRANSPORTATION TO <sup>JOHN F. KENNEDY</sup> JFK AIRPORT AND PLANE ACCOMMODATION OUT OF NEW YORK AREA, DESTINATION NOT STATED.

BANK GUARD RELEASED WHO ADVISED SUBJECTS HAD TAKEN SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM BANK.

SUBJECTS DEMANDED AIRPORT LIMOUSINE FOR TRANSPORTATION TO JFK. LIMOUSINE PROVIDED WITH SPECIAL AGENT  AS DRIVER AND THEY DEPARTED BANK WITH SEVEN HOSTAGES AFTER RELEASING ONE WOMAN HOSTAGE AT BANK. PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY NYO FOR SMALL PLANE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SIGHTING AT JFK.

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SUBJECTS, HOSTAGES AND BUREAU AGENTS ARRIVED JFK SATELLITE AREA, WHICH HAS BEEN UTILIZED FOR SKYJACKING CASES IN THE NYO. WHILE AWAITING ARRIVAL OF CHARTERED JET, NEGOTIATIONS AND CONVERSATIONS CONTINUED WITH BOTH SUBJECTS BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR RICHARD J. BAKER AND SAC FREDERICK C. FEHL, WHICH HAD COMMENCED DURING EARLY AFTERNOON OF EIGHT TWO TWO LAST. BY PRE-ARRANGED PLAN, AND SIGNAL, WHILE ALL HOSTAGES IN LIMOUSINE

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WERE STILL IN THE LIMOUSINE AWAITING ARRIVAL OF THE JET,  
WHICH WAS TAXIING DOWN RUNWAY, SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED]  
AND SAC FEHL DEFLECTED SHOTGUN BY HOLDING STOCK AND TAKING  
AWAY SHOTGUN HELD BY NATURALE TO HEAD OF SA [REDACTED] AT WHICH TIME

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[REDACTED] WITH A SECRETED GUN, FATALLY SHOT NATURALE. AT  
THE SAME TIME, BY PRE-ARRANGEMENT, WOJTOWICZ, WHO WAS ARMED WITH  
A THIRTY EIGHT CALIBER REVOLVER AND ONE THIRTY DASH ZERO SIX  
RIFLE, WAS DISARMED BY AD BAKER AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NATURALE PRONOUNCED DEAD ON ARRIVAL  
JAMAICA HOSPITAL. POSITIVE  
IDENTIFICATION OF NATURALE BEING CONFIRMED. NATURALE SHOT AND  
KILLED FIVE TWENTY FOUR A.M., EIGHT TWO THREE, SEVENTY TWO.

MAJOR CASE PRINTS BEING OBTAINED.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
/ ~~USA~~ ROBERT MORSE, ~~EDNY~~, AUTHORIZED PROSECUTION OF WOJTOWICZ

UNDER TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION TWO ONE ONE THREE, USC, COMPLAINT  
BEING FILED AND WOJTOWICZ BEING ARRAIGNED THIS DATE.

BANK PROTECTED BY TWO THIRTY FIVE MILLIMETER SURVEILLANCE  
CAMERAS, SILENT ALARM AND ONE UNARMED GUARD. ALARM AND CAMERAS  
NOT ACTIVATED. LOSS BEING DETERMINED. CRIME SCENE PROCESSED  
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AND LATENTS OF VALUE AND PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OBTAINED. ONE THIRTY DASH ZERO SIX RIFLE, ONE TWELVE GAUGE SHOTGUN AND ONE THIRTY EIGHT CALIBER REVOLVER RECOVERED AND BEING CHECKED NCIC.

INCENTIVE AWARDS ARE REQUESTED FOR SA [REDACTED] AND SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXTENSIVE TAXI WORK INVOLVING PLACING OF JET PLANE IN STRATEGIC POSITION AT JFK AIRPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE OVERALL OPERATION AT JFK. INCENTIVE AWARDS ALSO REQUESTED FOR AD RICHARD J. BAKER AND SAC FREDERICK C. FEHL WHO PROVIDED CONTINUING ON THE SCENE SUPERVISION BOTH AT THE BANK AND LATER AT JFK AIRPORT. INCENTIVE AWARD IS ALSO REQUESTED FOR SAC JOHN F. MORLEY WHO COORDINATED THIS MATTER DURING ITS ENTIRETY THROUGH OFFICE SUPERVISION, CONTACT OF AIRLINES, ARRANGING FOR JET PLANE USE, LIAISON AND SA PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS. AN INDIVIDUAL LETTER OF COMMENDATION IS REQUESTED FOR SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] WHO IS NO. ONE MAN, CRIMINAL DIVISION AND PROVIDED EXTENSIVE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO SAC MORLEY INCIDENTAL TO COORDINATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THIS EFFORT.

I ALSO RECOMMEND A LETTER OF COMMENDATION FOR THE NYO WITH A COPY TO BE PLACED IN FILES OF PERSONNEL WHO WERE  
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INSTRUMENTAL IN PARTICIPATING IN THE AGGRESSIVE, PROMPT  
ACTIONS TAKEN INCIDENTAL TO SUBJECT MATTER WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE  
FOR ITS SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

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CC MR CALLOHAN (SAD, RIA)

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## A Caper By Three Losers

One of the "justifiable" killings that have helped swell New York's homicide statistics this year was that of Salvatore Natuarale, a slender, fair-haired youth who died just before sunrise last Wednesday.

He was only 18, but he had a police record of several arrests, including grand larceny and possession of burglary tools, and he had chosen himself a resonant alias: Donald Matterson.

If the law of averages had obtained, if Natuarale-Matterson had been only a routine larcenist gunned down in a routine sidewalk shootout, he would have died virtually unknown, just one of the 73 men and women whom the police deem to have been "justifiably" killed so far this year.

But Natuarale was by all accounts an unusually tortured youth, a frequenter of homosexual ars who insisted that he was "straight." And the bizarre "caper" he allegedly devised with two conspirators kept 150 policemen and a large portion of the city tense through one mid night.

Young Natuarale and the others, John Wojtowicz, 27, and Robert Arthur Westenberg, 21, said to have met in a Manhattan "gay" bar to plan the robbery of Chase Manhattan Bank branch in Flatbush section of Brooklyn. This indeed manage to seize \$29, from the bank just before clostime, but Natuarale and Wojcz were trapped there when a cruiser pulled up outside as there about to make their getawaestenberg managed to escape.

The two armed, trainmen took seven bank employee hostages and dickered with authorities through the night. As more than 1,000 curious onlookers watched, Wojtowicz told police he would kill the hostages unless his homosexual "wife," Ernest Aron, was brought to him from the psychiatric ward of a Brooklyn hospital. Wojtowicz wanted to fly to Denmark to arrange a sex operation for Mr. Aron. Mr. Aron was taken to the bank but he refused to go.

While Natuarale kept control of the hostages inside the bank, Wojtowicz came out into the street to talk with the police and, at one stage to order pizza. Some of his homosexual friends also appeared on the scene and while onlookers cheered, some stood in the bank doorway and kissed him enthusiastically. Eventually, the F.B.I. agreed to drive the two robbers to Kennedy airport. When they got there the F.B.I. agent-chauffeur, at a code word from another agent, turned and shot Natuarale. Wojtowicz surrendered and so, later, did Westenberg.

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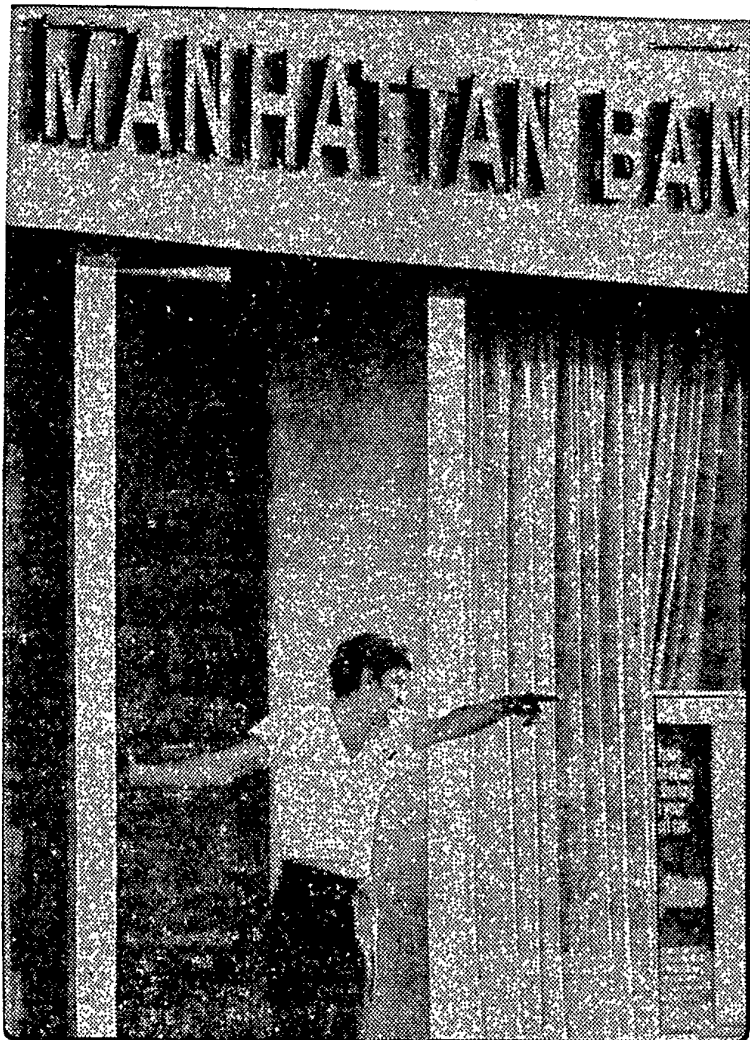
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The New York Times/Larry Morris

John Wojtowicz emerges from a Brooklyn bank where he and Salvatore Natuarale held seven hostages at gunpoint in a bizarre robbery-hijacking attempt last week. The attempt ended in death from a police bullet for Natuarale—one of 73 such “justifiable” homicides in New York this year.

## A 25-Year F.B.I. Agent Foiled Robbers' Attempt to Flee by Jet

37 **by NICHOLAS GAGE**

Richard J. Baker, a veteran of 25 years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, devised and helped execute the plan that foiled the escape attempt early yesterday morning of the two bank robbers who took nine persons hostage in Brooklyn.

Mr. Baker, chief assistant to John F. Malone, F.B.I. regional director, grabbed the rifle of one of the gunmen while it was pointing directly at him. "It was a little hairy there for a while," he said later.

The 51-year-old agent has been in highly tense situations many times during his years with the F.B.I. Once, in San Diego, Mr. Baker bluffed an armed bank robber into surrendering even though he was without a weapon himself.

Mr. Baker is a tall man with thinning gray hair whose easy affability belies a keen investigative mind.

"He has terrific judgment," said Denis E. Dillon, chief of the Brooklyn Federal Strike Force Against Organized Crime. "His support was of immense help in developing cases against Mafiosi, particularly against

members of Joe Colombo's group."

Mr. Baker joined the New York office of the F.B.I. in 1936 as special agent in charge of the criminal division, which included a 40-man organized crime section.

As the F.B.I.'s jurisdiction on organized crime cases broadened because of new legislation, the section grew and it became a separate division in 1969.

At his own request, Mr. Baker left the criminal division to take control of the organized crime group, which now numbers about 250 men. A year ago, he was named Mr. Malone's administrative assistant.

Mr. Baker was born in Charlotte, S. C., on March 18, 1921. He grew up in Baltimore and was graduated from Western Maryland College with a degree in economics in 1941. His speech today still bears a trace of a Southern accent.

Mr. Baker went into the Army immediately upon graduation and served as a company commander and battalion executive officer in the Pacific Theater.

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August 23, 1972  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

SUMMARY

This concerns the bank robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank on August 22-23, 1972, wherein subjects entered the bank, held bank employees hostage and subsequently left the bank with six hostages and over \$25,000 in cash. Subjects had demanded a limousine and aircraft be made available to them at John F. Kennedy International Airport. Upon arrival at the airport, Salvatore Naturale was fatally shot by an FBI Agent. Subject Wojtowicz was taken into custody. No other injuries sustained.

The New York Office recommends incentive awards for SA [redacted] who shot subject, [redacted] [redacted] for his strategic positioning of aircraft, Assistant Director Richard J. Baker and SAC Frederick C. Fehl for continuing on-the-scene supervision at the bank and airport; SAC John F. Morley who coordinated matter in its entirety through contact with airlines, liaison and personnel assignments, letter of commendation for Supervisor [redacted] for extensive material assistance during this operation and a general letter of commendation for the New York Office. Recommendations for letters of appreciation for Police Department officers are being submitted separately.

General Investigative Division concurs with recommendations of New York Office in view of outstanding performance of personnel assigned to this matter.

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September 1, 1972

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Honorable Robert A. Morse  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of New York  
Federal Building  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Dear Mr. Morse:

Your thoughtful letter was received on August 29th and I am indeed appreciative of your kind comments concerning the work of my associates in our New York Office in connection with the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank on August 22nd. I am very pleased to learn their efforts are so highly regarded and you may be sure they share my gratitude for your complimentary remarks. Communications such as yours are most encouraging.

Sincerely yours,

L. Patrick Gray III

L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director

- 1 - New York - Enclosure  
Personal Attention ADIC: Bring to the attention of appropriate personnel.  
1 - Mr. M. A. Jones - Enclosure (detached)

NOTE: Mr. Morse is on the Special Correspondents List. Address per prior correspondence.  
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THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201

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Honorable L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. - 20530

Dear Mr. Gray:

It was with a deep sense of personal pride that I had the privilege to participate in a small way with John Malone, Richard Baker and Fred Fehl in one of the most incredibly brilliant performances of professional expertise and generalship during the recent bank robbery and hostage situation in Brooklyn involving a branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank.

NEW YORK, N.Y. 8/22/72  
I simply cannot find words to describe the sheer courage, skill and coolness displayed by these three leaders and the Agents assigned to the New York Office. I am sure that you have a full report, especially with respect to the courage displayed by the driver of the limousine carrying the hostages and perpetrators to the airport. It is my personal hope that some of our fellow citizens will, through these events, come to realize the value of such professional law enforcement activities, and reject the unspeakable clamor of too many people who should know better.

Please accept my congratulations to you and your entire organization.

Respectfully yours \_\_\_\_\_

ROBERT A. MORSE

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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12:15A.M. NITEL 09-06-72 KEH

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

NEW HAVEN (15-8766)

FROM NEW YORK (91-12002) (P) 1P

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JOHN WOJTOWICZ AKA; ET AL; CHASE MANHATTAN BANK,  
FOUR FIVE ZERO AVENUE P, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, AUGUST TWENTY  
SECOND, LAST; BR.

RENYREP OF SA [REDACTED], AUGUST TWENTY  
NINTH, LAST.

[REDACTED]  
COLT THIRTY  
EIGHT CALIBER REVOLVER, SERIAL NUMBER B SEVEN SIX SIX FIVE FIVE,  
STOLEN MARCH, SEVENTY TWO, IN HARTFORD, CONN., TO WOJTOWICZ,  
PRIOR TO CAPTIONED BR. [REDACTED]

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ADD. DISSEMINATION

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ON SEPTEMBER SIXTH, SEVENTY TWO, [ ] INTERVIEWED  
BY BUAGENTS. MAJOR CASE PRINTS OBTAINED. DURING INTERVIEW

INDICATED THAT [ ]

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[ ] LIMITED INFORMATION OBTAINED, BUT [ ] INDICATED  
THAT HE WOULD COOPERATE WITH BUAGENTS [ ]

[ ] INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

NEW HAVEN AT HARTFORD, CONN. WILL FURNISH NYO RESULTS OF  
REQUESTED INVESTIGATION SET OUT IN REFERENCE REPORT.

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September 7, 1972

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*mel*  
[Redacted]  
American Hansa Jet Corporation  
Westchester County Airport  
White Plains, New York 10604

Dear [Redacted]

*fi*  
A hostage situation presents to law enforcement a most perilous and difficult challenge. While every effort must be made to apprehend the felons, utmost care must be taken to protect the innocent lives placed into jeopardy. Your noteworthy cooperation facilitated the successful resolution of the August 22nd robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank in Brooklyn, New York. My associates join me in thanking you for your expeditious assistance.

*N.Y.*  
ST-102 REC-4771-44808-19  
Sincerely yours,

L. Patrick Gray III 19 SEP 8 1972

L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director

1 - New York (detached)

NOTE: General Investigative Division concurs with recommendation of Assistant Director in Charge, New York, that letter of appreciation be directed to [Redacted]. Nothing in New York or Bufiles which would preclude this letter.

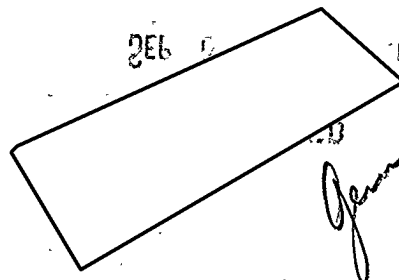
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# Suspect Says Stickup Idea Came from Bank Executive

NEW YORK (AP) — FBI agents are investigating an accused bank robber's story that a Chase Manhattan Bank vice president gave him the idea for Tuesday's bizarre Brooklyn bank stickup while they were drinking at a homosexual bar.

The robbery turned into a wild all-night drama with seven employe hostages held 14 hours until an FBI agent shot and killed the suspect's accomplice early Wednesday on a remote Kennedy Airport runway as a getaway plane stood by.

John Wojtowicz, 27, a distraught homosexual seeking a reconciliation with his male "wife," surrendered meekly after the shooting and was later held in \$250,000 federal bail on bank robbery and kidnapping charges.

The dead accomplice was identified by the FBI as Salvatore Naturale, 18. Police here said he had given the name Donald Matterson when he was arrested on two occasions.

He was shot by an FBI agent who drove the 14-passenger limousine with the hostages and gunmen from the bank to the

airport. Another agent came up to the car and the driver-agent asked, "Will there be food on the plane?"

"Yes," the other agent replied. It was a prearranged signal to strike and the driver-agent pulled a concealed revolver, knocked Naturale's shotgun away and fired the fatal shot into his chest.

The other agent reached in and seized Wojtowicz' rifle and he gave up quietly.

Earlier, in a telephone interview while holding the hostages in the bank, Wojtowicz claimed he got the idea for the robbery while "drinking with a Chase Manhattan executive in a gay bar downtown."

He said the bank official told him "we could get between \$100,000 and \$200,000" at the Chase branch in the Flatbush section if they hit it just before the 3 p.m. closing time.

FBI agents said Wojtowicz told them that he had never met Naturale before the robbery, that "the guy who set this up brought us together."

new york bank take 2: together.

According to one of the hostages, Wojtowicz said his motive for the robbery was to get money to send his "wife," Ernest Aaron, to Denmark for a sex-change operation.

Friends in the all-male rooming house where Wojtowicz lived in Greenwich Village recalled with admiration the "wedding" he put on for Aaron in a restaurant last spring.

"Little John brought Ernie a beautiful wedding gown," said one friend. "He had gowns for the bridesmaids—they came in drag. He had a movie made and a photograph album. He very clearly loved Ernie."

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Knickerbocker News

Albany, NY

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Editor: R. Fichenberg  
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# Shot Kills Bandit, Ends Siege

NEW YORK (UPI)—A single fatal shot fired by an FBI agent early Wednesday ended a bizarre 15½-hour siege involving a sexually twisted Vietnam veteran and his shadowy accomplice who robbed a Brooklyn bank of \$29,000 and took nine employees hostage.

The climax came as the gunmen waited in a limousine with their seven remaining hostages for a getaway jet on a remote strip of a runway at Kennedy International Airport.

At a "silent signal" four FBI agents leaped into the car to deflect the barrels of the shotgun and rifle held by the gunmen, and the limousine driver, also an FBI agent, whirled and fired into the back seat.

The shot hit the accomplice in the chest, wounding him mortally. The ex-GI jumped from the car and surrendered, the hostages emerged unharmed and the FBI recovered the \$29,000.

The dead man was identified as Donald Matterson, 18, of Jersey City, N.J. Police also said Matterson also had a New York address. The dead man was arrested in New York on life in prison. He was ordered



JOAN SAUNDERS

One of seven hostages.

May 14 for possession of drugs and loitering and on July 9 for grand larceny and possession of burglary tools, police said. They did not give further details of the arrests.

The other gunman, John Wojtowicz, 27, slight, handsome and neatly dressed, appeared before U.S. Magistrate Max Schiffrin for preliminary arraignment on charges of bank robbery and abduction which carry a maximum penalty of

held in \$250,000 bail for a hearing Aug. 31.

Wojtowicz's court-appointed lawyer said the Vietnam veteran and former bank clerk—who is separated from his wife and two children and had demanded during the siege that police produce his male lover—had been under psychiatric care since January. Attorney Mark Landsman asked for a psychiatric examination to determine if Wojtowicz was capable of standing trial.

The drama began Tuesday when the gunmen invaded the one-story, cream-colored building housing a Brooklyn branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank at 2:50 p.m., 10 minutes before closing and forced clerks to hand over their entire cash reserve.

Police, tipped by bank authorities that something was amiss, arrived at the bank just as the gunmen were about to leave. They retreated inside with two men and seven women employees as hostages. A force of 200 police and FBI agents, many carrying shotguns and wearing bullet-proof vests, surrounded the building.

During the more than 13 hours he spent in the bank, Wojtowicz emerged to negotiate with police and pay an FBI agent for three pizzas. He also talked at length to newsmen who called him on the telephones and threatened at one point to shoot all the hostages because the Supreme Court had outlawed the death penalty.

"I'm gay. When I get Ernest, I'll release one of the hostages," he said.

Ernest Aron, a long-haired patient in the psychiatric ward at Kings County Hospital, was produced in his white hospital gown. The gunmen released guard Calvin Jones. But Aron refused to go in, telling authorities he feared Wojtowicz would kill him because "he doesn't love me any more."

Police also produced Wojtowicz's mother, Theresa. Choking back tears she said, her son was "not a mean kid. He's not the type who would hurt anybody." She blamed his troubles on his year in Vietnam and his separation three years ago from his wife, Carmen, and two children.

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Times Union

Albany, NY

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**END OF THE LINE**—Bank robber John Wojtowicz (left) is in custody of FBI agent, leaving agency's Manhattan office early Tuesday en route to Brooklyn court for arraignment. He is the survivor of two-man team that held several persons hostage in a bank more than 15 hours. His accomplice was shot and killed. (UPI Telephoto)

FBI

Date: 8/25/72

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (91-12002)

SUBJECT: SALVATORE NATURALE aka-(DECEASED);  
JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ; *NP*CHASE MANHATTAN BANK450 AVENUE P, BROOKLYN, NY8/22/72

BR

(OO:NY)

aka-FUGITIVE; *cr NY tel 8/24/72*

The purpose of this communication is to recommend letters of appreciation over the signature of the Acting Director, to the following individuals:

In connection with captioned case, during the late hours of August 22 and the early morning hours of August 23, 1972, subjects NATURALE and WOJTOWICZ demanded an aircraft for their escape, in trade for several of the hostages they were holding at sunpoint in captioned bank. Contact was immediately made with                      American Hansa Jet Corporation, Westchester, NY, who on extremely short notice, had delivered and made available to the Bureau, at JFK Airport, a Hansa Jet aircraft.

As the Bureau has been previously advised, the subjects were apprehended, NATURALE having been shot and killed on the runway at the Airport.

The letter should be directed to                      American Hansa Jet Corporation, Westchester County Airport, White Plains, New York, 10604.

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1-New York

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INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
ADDENDUM

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Special Agent in Charge

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There is no information in the files of the NYO which would preclude such a letter being directed to [REDACTED]

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It is further requested that a letter of appreciation be directed to the Honorable PATRICK V. MURPHY, Commissioner, New York City Police Department, 240 Centre Street, NYC, NY 10013 for the role played by [REDACTED] and the men under his command, during this ordeal. [REDACTED] personally directed all officers and detectives at the bank and was successful in controlling the milling and unruly crowd which at times had been estimated to be between 5,000 and 10,000 people. [REDACTED] was also at the scene at the time we arrested subject WOJTOWICZ and shot and killed subject NATURALE.

ADDENDUM GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION JDH:kap 9/1/72

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The swift solution of captioned case by our New York Office, with the notable assistance of members of the New York City Police Department, resulted in extremely favorable publicity for the FBI. The cooperation of [REDACTED] in making available a jet aircraft (which had been demanded by the subjects) also played a major role. The General Investigative Division concurs with New York's recommendation that letters of appreciation be directed to [REDACTED] and to Patrick V. Murphy, Commissioner, New York City Police Department. If approved, it is requested that appropriate letters be prepared by the Crime Records Division. Files at New York and at the Bureau contain no information which would preclude this action.

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Date: 9/7/72

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (15-8766) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN WOJTOWICZ, ETAL  
Chase Manhattan Bank  
450 Avenue P  
Brooklyn, New York *new york*  
8/22/72  
BR

Re NY nitel to Bureau, 9/6/72.  
Report of SA [REDACTED] 8/29/72, at NY.

On 3/6/72, [REDACTED]  
United Parcel Service (UPS), Hartford, Ct., furnished UPS  
report of Stolen Firearms listing six Colt Cobra .38 Cali-  
ber revolvers, Model D3420, which were missing in shipment  
consigned from Colt's, 150 Huyshope Ave., Hartford, Ct.,  
to GABES, 800 South Preston, Louisville, Kentucky. This  
shipment was picked up by UPS on 9/22/71.

Two copies each of following documents enclosed:

1. UPS report of Stolen Firearms.
2. UPS pick-up record, dated 9/22/71.
3. Colt Invoice No. 09-5867 of 9/20/71.

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Special Agent in Charge

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LEADS:

NEW YORK

At New York, NY

Will attempt to develop info leading to recovery of five other revolvers missing in shipment.

NEW HAVEN

At Hartford, Ct.

Will contact [REDACTED] UPS, 205 Locust St. and ascertain routing of this shipment. (It is noted that Colt .38 Caliber Revolver SN B 76655 was used in captioned BR).

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Report of Stolen Firearm

Shipper (Make): COLT  
150 Huiyshore Ave.  
HARTFORD, CT. 06102

Consignee: GABES  
800 So. PRESTON  
LOUISVILLE, KY. 40203

Date of Theft: 9.22-71 p/u DATE

Serial Number: B 77465, B 75771, B 79292  
B 76842, B 79604, B 76655

Caliber: .38S

Type: COBRA

Model: # D3420

Miscellaneous:

All efforts have been made to trace this weapon without success. We are reasonably certain that the weapon was stolen while in transit via U.P.S.



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ENCLOSURE



P.O. BOX 729  
HARTFORD, CONN. 06101  
P.O. BOX 12  
KANSAS CITY, MO. 64141  
P.O. BOX 50088 TERMINAL ANNEX  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90060

Galt Industries



Galt's Inc  
Small Arms Division

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400 SOUTH PRESTON STREET  
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	B 76842							
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	B 76655							
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	TRANSPORTATION							2.46

NOTE: Return of merchandise not accepted after 60 days from date of shipment and then only on prior written factory approval. These goods were produced in compliance with the requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended.

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UNITED STATES

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SAC, New York (91-12002)

September 18, 1972

Director, FBI (Acting) *91-44808*

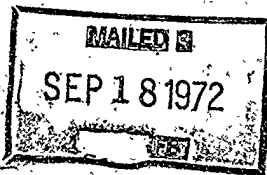
**JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ aka;  
ET AL;  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
450 AVENUE P,  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8/22/72  
BR**

Reference is made to your communication dated **9/3/72** transmitting  
☒ negative(s) ☐ film ☐ photograph(s) ☐ document(s) ☐  
 pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request ☐ film has been developed  
☒ enlargement(s) made  
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☐ print(s) made  
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The above is ☒ attached  
☐ being sent under separate cover, via ☐ registered mail  
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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION/MECHANICAL SECTION)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (91-12002) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ aka;  
ET AL;  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8/22/72  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are two color negatives of  
WOJTOWICZ.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Mechanical Section is requested to make ten color  
prints of each enclosure for a total of twenty prints, and  
forward same to the New York Office.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (91-12002)

SUBJECT: JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ, aka;  
ET AL;  
Chase Manhattan Bank  
450 Avenue P  
Brooklyn, New York, New York  
8/22/72  
BR

Re New York report of SA [ ] dated,  
8/29/72.

For the information of the Bureau, on 9/13/72, AUSA  
EDWARD J. BOYD, EDNY, advised that on 9/11/72, USDJ TRAVIA, EDNY,  
ordered [ ] WOJTOWICZ [ ] sent for thirty days  
of psychiatric observation and examination.

LEAD:NEW YORK

AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. Will follow and report results  
of prosecution.

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Special Agent in Charge

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO.

91-12002

91-44808

A-58603

September 19, 1972

TO:

SAC, New York

RE:

SALVATORE NATURALE (PH) (DECEASED);

JOHN S. WOJTCOWICZ;

CHASE MANHATTAN BANK

450 AVENUE P

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

8-22-72

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REFERENCE:

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Airtel 8-23-72

SPECIMENS: New York

The requested latent print examination is being conducted and you will be advised of the results upon completion.

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L. Patrick Gray, III, Acting Director

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9/15/72

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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SUMMARY

Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, robbed by two armed subjects on 8/22/72. Subjects took seven hostages to John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA), Queens, New York, where subject Salvatore Naturale shot by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] New York Office (NYO), at JFKIA during early hours of 8/23/72.

On 9/14/72, NYO advised Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), Eastern District of New York (EDNY), determined that Office of Queens County District Attorney (QCDA) intends to subpoena SA [redacted] on 9/26/72, to testify before Queens County Grand Jury (QCGJ) regarding circumstances of shooting of Naturale. (attached indicates QCDA Thomas Mackell contacted 9/15/72, concerning presentation of shooting to QCGJ). District Attorney Mackell said he "didn't know anything about such action" and he would immediately look into the matter and recontact NYO.

United States Attorney, EDNY, advised by NYO. Criminal Division, Department of Justice, also advised concerning attached this date.

Matter will continue to be followed closely with NYO.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Mr. Felt ☒  
Mr. Baker ☒  
Mr. Hanes ☒  
Mr. Bishop ☒  
Mr. Callahan ☒  
Mr. Cleveland ☒  
Mr. Conrad ☒  
Mr. Dalbey ☒  
Mr. Jenkins ☒  
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Mr. Miller, E.S. ☒  
Mr. Ponder ☒  
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Mr. Kinley ☒  
Mr. Armstrong ☒  
Ms. Herwig ☒  
Mrs. Neenan ☒

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TELETYPE

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM NEW YORK 91-12002 1P

JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ; ET AL; CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, FOUR FIFTY  
AVENUE P, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, AUGUST TWENTYTWO SEVENTYTWO,  
BANK ROBBERY (New York)

TELETYPE

RE NEW YORK TEL NINE FOURTEEN LAST.

ON NINE FIFTEEN INSTANT THOMAS MACKELL, QUEENS  
COUNTY NEW YORK DISTRICT ATTORNEY WAS CONTACTED RE  
CONTEMPLATED PRESENTATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING THE  
SHOOTING OF SALVATORE NATURALE TO THE QUEENS COUNTY GRAND JURY

DA MACKELL ADVISED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH  
CONTEMPLATED ACTION, THAT HE "DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT  
SUCH ACTION" AND THAT HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY LOOK INTO THE  
NEW YORK OFFICE

MATTER AND RECONTACT THE NYO NEXT WEEK.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
USA ROBERT MORSE, EDNY, WAS APPRISED OF THE RESULT OF  
THE CONTACT BY THE NYO OF DA MACKELL. USA MORSE WAS  
ADVISED THAT HE WOULD BE RECONTACTED BY THE NYO SUBSEQUENT  
TO MACKELL LOOKING INTO THIS MATTER. HE WAS ALSO TOLD THAT  
NO ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE USA'S OFFICE PRIOR TO THIS.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY AND ALL PERTINENT  
DEVELOPMENTS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bates

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ;  
AND OTHERS;  
Chase Manhattan Bank  
450 Avenue P  
Brooklyn, New York, 8-22-72  
BANK ROBBERY

DATE: September 15, 1972

1 - Mr. Felt  
1 - Mr. Bates

1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Dalbey

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Mr. Kinley  
Mr. Armstrong  
Ms. Hemi

This concerns the highly publicized bank robbery on August 22, 1972, of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, by two armed subjects who took nine hostages into their custody at the victim bank and demanded jet air transportation from John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA), Queens, New York, to an unspecified location. In this matter subject Salvatore Naturale was fatally shot by SA [REDACTED] during the early morning hours of August 23, 1972, at JFKIA. The attached teletype relates that Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), Eastern District of New York (EDNY), determined the Office of the Queens County District Attorney (QCD), New York, intends to subpoena SA [REDACTED] on September 26, 1972, to testify before the Queens County Grand Jury regarding circumstances of the shooting of Naturale and to present weapons utilized by the subjects. The bank hostages are also to be subpoenaed.

According to QCD, it is usual procedure to present facts regarding shooting by a police officer in any homicide and that they would further request SA [REDACTED] to sign a waiver of immunity. *il*

AUSA, EDNY, stated he has no knowledge of any previous action of this nature in a case where a Federal officer was involved in a shooting incident and is of the opinion SA [REDACTED] testimony is not warranted. It is noted in the hijacking of a TWA aircraft by subject Richard A. Obergfell on July 23, 1971, SA [REDACTED] shot and killed Obergfell while the latter was holding a stewardess hostage at JFKIA. Our New York Office (NYO) has advised no Queens County Grand Jury action was taken in this case.

AUSA, EDNY, has contacted the Department of Justice for a policy statement. The AUSA advised he will proceed solely on Federal legal procedure and quash any subpoena issued for the Grand Jury appearance of SA [REDACTED]

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Memorandum to Mr. Bates  
Re: JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ;  
AND OTHERS

The QCDA has been under investigation by United States Attorney (USA) Robert Morse, EDNY, and it appears a possible feud may exist between the USA's office and the QCDA's office. Presentation of this matter to the local Grand Jury would be a way of retaliating for the USA's incursion into the operations of his office. This matter has been preliminarily discussed with [redacted] General Crimes Section, Department of Justice, who has been in touch with the USA, EDNY. [redacted] will decide what course of action to take this morning, and he has assured that the Criminal Division of the Department will act decisively to prevent the QCDA from proceeding with his action against SA [redacted]

Assistant Director in Charge John F. Malone and SAC Frederick C. Fehl, NYO, have been instructed to get in touch with QCDA this morning to determine the basis for his action.

SA [redacted] attending In-Service at Quantico, was advised and instructed he should not sign any document or discuss this matter with anyone. In addition, SA [redacted] was instructed to alert [redacted] regarding the possibility of efforts by QCDA to locate SA [redacted] and make inquiries. It was also suggested that [redacted] not discuss this matter with anyone. Additionally, NYO was instructed to insure [redacted] be aware of possible attempts to serve SA [redacted] with a subpoena and that NYO take appropriate measures to insure [redacted] was not bothered by anyone from the QCDA's office regarding this matter.

ACTION: Close contact is being maintained with the Department to insure that the FBI's interests are fully protected. This matter is receiving priority attention at NYO and at FBIHQ.

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*11:20 P*

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SAC, New York (91-12002)

September 22, 1972

Director, FBI (Acting)

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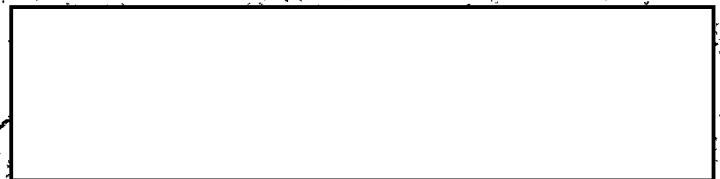
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JOHN WOJTOWICZ aka;  
ET AL  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
450 AVENUE P,  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8/22/72  
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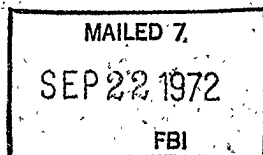
Reference is made to your communication dated 9/12/72 transmitting  
☒ negative(s) ☐ film ☐ photograph(s) ☐ document(s) ☐  
pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request ☐ film has been developed  
☒ enlargement(s) made  
☐ positive copy made  
☐ print(s) made  
☐ slide(s) made  
☐ negative(s) made  
☐ Photostats made

The above is ☒ attached  
☐ being sent under separate cover, via ☐ registered mail  
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Date: 9/12/72

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)b6  
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(ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION/ MECHANICAL SECT.)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (91-12002) (P)

SUBJECT: <sup>(10)</sup> JOHN WOJTOWICZ aka;  
ET AL  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
450 AVENUE P,  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8/22/72  
BRRECEIVED  
DEVELOPED  
PRINTED 9/21/72  
ENARGEMENTS #21B 40 4X60  
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ReNYrep of SA [REDACTED] 8/29/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the following:

1. Two color negatives of [REDACTED]
2. Six color negatives of SALVATORE NATURALE,  
aka (deceased).

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Mechanical Section is requested to make five color prints from each of the enclosed negatives and forward same to the NYO.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 3)  
- (1 - Mech. Sect)  
1 - New York

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Approved: [Signature]

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Per 125595

Special Agent in Charge

September 20, 1972  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
Summary

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This involves New York bank robbery by two armed subjects on 8/22/72, who took seven hostages to John F. Kennedy International Airport, Queens, New York, where subject Salvatore Naturale was shot by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] New York Office, during early hours of 8/23/72.

On 9/14/72, New York Office advised Assistant U. S. Attorney (AUSA), Eastern District of New York (EDNY), determined that Office of Queens County District Attorney (QCDA) intends to subpoena SA [REDACTED] on 9/26/72, to testify before Queens County Grand Jury (QCGJ) regarding circumstances of shooting of Naturale. On 9/15/72, QCDA was contacted concerning presentation of shooting to QCGJ at which time he advised he "didn't know anything about such action" and he would immediately look into the matter and recontact New York Office.

Attached advises on 9/19/72, QCDA Thomas Mackell advised our New York Office that no further action would be taken by QCDA regarding shooting of Salvatore Naturale by SA of FBI. This information was furnished to AUSA E. J. Boyd, EDNY.

Department and SA [REDACTED] (currently attending in-service training at Quantico) being advised.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Baker	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Cleveland	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mr. Marshall	_____
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540PM9-19-72 URGENT CJR

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM NEW YORK 91-12001 1P

*450*  
JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ; ET AL; CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, FOUR FIFTY  
*New York, N.Y.*  
AVENUE P, BROOKLYN NY, AUGUST TWENTY TWO SEVENTY TWO,  
*8-22-72*  
BANK ROBBERY.

Reference New York Teletype  
RENYTEL SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN LAST.

ON SEPTEMBER NINETEEN INSTANT THOMAS MACKELL, QUEENS  
COUNTY NY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ADVISED *New York Office* THAT NO

FURTHER ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN BY QUEENS COUNTY DISTRICT  
ATTORNEYS OFFICE *Regarding* RE THE SHOOTING OF SALVATORE NATURALE

BY A SPECIAL AGENT OF FBI.

THE DATA FURNISHED BY *District Attorney* MACKELL WAS RELAYED TO *Assistant U.S. Attorney*  
E.J. BOYD, EDNY. *Eastern District of New York*

FOR INFORMATION.

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*cc MR. DALBEY*  
*80 SEP 29 1972*

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9/27/72

TO: SAC, New York (91-12002)

FROM: Acting Director, FBI (91-44808)

1 -   
1 - Mr. Jenkins  
1 - FOF

JOHN S. WOJTONICZ, ET AL.  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
450 AVENUE P  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8/22/72  
BR

Because of the increasing number of hostage situations arising from bank robbery cases, proper techniques in the investigations of these matters is of concern to all FBI personnel.

Information concerning your successful handling of captioned matter has already been furnished by Letterhead Memorandum to all offices under date of 9/15/72.

To further assist in the training of Criminal In-Service and New Agent Classes, New York is requested to advise General Investigative Division, Bank Robbery Unit, if copies of film of the activities arising from this case as covered by television or other sources can be secured for bank robbery lecture purposes.

**NOTE:** On 8/22/72 three alleged homosexuals entered captioned bank taking nine bank employees as hostages and looting bank's cash drawers, bank vault of \$213,101 in cash and traveler's checks. This case also involves an attempted skyjacking situation and the entire matter handled by the New York Office displayed considerable Agent and supervisory finesse culminating in the use of firearms resulting in the death of one subject and apprehension of all others. An LHM has been furnished to all field divisions since the memorandum contained details of planning and action taken under difficult circumstances which lead to a successful conclusion of the case. As an additional training aid, New York is being requested to determine if any film coverage was made of the activities in this matter which could be of considerable benefit if utilized in bank robbery lectures before Criminal In-Service and New Agent Training Classes.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

### LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO.

REC-69

91-13002

91-44393

EX-116-38593

September 27, 1972

TO:

SAC, New York

RE:

JUEN WISSEWASE, AMAN  
ET AL.  
CHARGE: MULTIPLE LARCENY  
400 AVENUE D  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8-22-72  
BN

REFERENCE:

Airtel 9-16-72

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:

New York

SPECIMENS:

Fingerprints of [redacted]

Two unidentified latent fingerprints previously  
submitted contained does not identify fingerprints

Fingerprints [redacted] compared with latent prints  
in bank robbery section of National Unidentified Latent File,  
but no identification effected.

Fingerprints [redacted] which are being retained,  
were searched through our main fingerprint file, but no  
arrest record located. Submitted photograph retained.

A copy of [redacted] identification record is  
enclosed.

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Bates \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Campbell \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Cleveland \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Dalbey \_\_\_\_\_  
Marshall \_\_\_\_\_  
Miller, E.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ponder \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kinley \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Herwig \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Neenan \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 9-18-72 9:40a.m. amg Reference No: 91-12002  
 Received: 9-18-72 FBI File No: 91-44808 -28  
 Latent Case No: A-58603  
 Answer to: SAC, New York

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Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to:

RE: JOHN WOJTOWICZ, AKA  
 ET AL; CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
 450 AVENUE P  
 BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
 8-22-72  
 BR

Date of reference communication: Airtel 9-14-72  
 Specimens:

Fingerprint card and Photograph submitted for comparison:

[redacted] - assigned [redacted]  
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[redacted]

Result of examination:

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 9-27-72  
 CEC: Res

Examination by: [redacted]

Evidence noted by: [redacted]

2 un&d lat fpts prev rep'd this case not of fpts [redacted]  
 or [redacted] em 1. H/V

fpts [redacted] comp'd with lat fpts in BR sect NVLF, no & S em  
 fpts [redacted] + Tech for search 9/21 — no arrest record

located in ID file. (u)  
 copy of & record of [redacted] enclosed herewith (enc)  
 Examination completed 11 AM 9-22-72 Dictated 9-22-72  
 Time Date Date

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Date: 9/14/72

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTENTION: ID/LFS).

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (91-12002)(P)

SUBJECT: JOHN WOJTOWICZ, aka  
ET AL  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
450 AVENUE P,  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8/22/72,  
BR

Reference New York report of SA [REDACTED]  
dated 8/29/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the following:

(1) FD-249 containing prints of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

(2) One photograph of [REDACTED] attached to FD-249.

For the information of the Bureau, [REDACTED]  
voluntarily appeared at the New York Office for interview,  
on 8/29/72. He advised that he knew the subjects involved  
in captioned matter [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

3-Bureau (Encls. 2) ENCLOSURE  
(1-IDENTIFICATION DIVISION/  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)  
2-New York

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heard about the bank robbery on 8/22/72 [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] voluntarily appeared at  
the New York Office for interview on 8/25/72.

[redacted] denied any knowledge of captioned bank  
robbery or any other bank robbery. He further denied any  
prior arrests or criminal activity.

Request of the Bureau

(1) ID/LFS is requested to search the enclosed  
prints through the bank robbery section of the NULF.

(2) ID/LFS is requested to retain the enclosures  
in the files of the Identification Division.

(3) The Identification Division is requested to  
forward any record of [redacted] [redacted]  
[redacted] to  
the New York Office.

(4) The Identification Division is requested to  
forward any record of [redacted] [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] to the New York Office.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

### LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO.

91-12002

91-44803 - 29

A-58603

September 28, 1972

TO:

SAG, New York

RE:

JOHN WOJTONICZ, AKA;  
ET AL.;  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
450 AVENUE P  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8/22/72  
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## REFERENCE:

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY

SPECIMENS:

Airtel received 9/16/72

New York

Major case prints of

Unidentified latent fingerprints previously  
reported in captioned case not identical fingerprints

Major case prints of compared with  
latent prints in bank robbery section of National  
Unidentified Latent File, but no identification effected.

Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Baker \_\_\_\_\_  
Bates \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Cleveland \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Kinley \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Herwig \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Neenan \_\_\_\_\_

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1 - New Haven (15-8766) - Enc. (2)

L. Patrick Gray, III, Acting Director

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SAC, New York

September 28, 1972

A copy of the identification record and photograph of [ ] are enclosed for New York and New Haven Divisions.

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Major case prints of [ ] retained.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 9-18-72 9:35 A.M. tmm

Reference No:

91-12002

Received: 9-18-72

FBI File No:

91-44808-29

Latent Case No:

A-58603

Answer to: SAC, New York

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to:

New Haven (5-8766)

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RE:

JOHN WOJTOWICZ, AKA; ET AL

CHASE MANHATTAN BANK

450 AVENUE P

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

8-22-72

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Date of reference communication:

Airtel no date, received

9-16-72

Specimens: Major case prints submitted of Suspect:

not on cc  
master reg'd 9/20  
it on loc 9/20  
on urgent loc. 9/22

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9/26/72  
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Result of examination:

Examination by:

Evidence noted by:

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2 unrec'd lat fpts prev reg'd this case note fpts

me fpts [ ] comp'd with lat fpts in NULF, BR sect,

me fpts [ ] retained.

& record of [ ] + photograph enclosed for NY + NH (each)  
(2 encls for NY + (2) encls for NH.

Examination completed

9 AM  
Time9-26-72  
Date

Dictated

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Date

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Date:

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTENTION: ID/LFS)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (91-12002) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN WOJTOWICZ aka;  
ET AL;  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK,  
450 AVENUE P,  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8/22/72  
BR

Reference New York report of SA [redacted]  
[redacted] dated 8/29/72, New York nitel to the Bureau, dated  
9/6/72, and New Haven airtel to the Bureau, dated 9/7/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the major case prints,  
consisting of seven cards, of [redacted] ob-  
tained on 9/6/72.

The following is a description of [redacted]  
[redacted]

- ③ - Bureau (Encls. *ENCLOSURE*)  
(1 - ID/LFS)  
2 - New Haven (15-8766)  
2 - New York

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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Residence

FBI Number

For the information of the Bureau and New Haven

On 9/6/72, [ ] was interviewed by Bureau Agents and major case prints were obtained. At that time he indicated he would cooperate with Bureau Agents. Attempts to interview [ ] from 9/7/72 - 9/13/72 have met with unproductive results.

On 9/7/72, by referenced airtel. New Haven advised that on 3/6/72, [ ] United Parcel Service (UPS), Hartford, Connecticut, stated that six Colt Cobra, .38 caliber revolvers, model D3420, were missing in shipment, consigned from Colt, 150 Huyshope Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, to Gabes, 800 South Preston, Louisville, Kentucky. This shipment was picked up by UPS on 9/22/71. Apparently there are no latents available for comparison in New Haven file 15-8766.

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

1. ID/LFS is requested to compare enclosed major case prints with the BR Section of the NULF.
2. ID/LFS is requested to retain the enclosed major case prints in the files of the Identification Division for future comparison.
3. The Identification Division is requested to forward the arrest record and photograph of [redacted] to the New York and New Haven Divisions.

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NEW HAVEN

AT HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT. Will forward results of investigation to the New York Division regarding theft of Colt .38 caliber revolver, serial number B76655.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. 1. Will forward FD-302 concerning interview of [redacted] on 9/6/72, to New Haven.

2. Will present facts of this matter to the USA, SDNY, for prosecutive opinion, regarding [redacted] after further information is received by New Haven Division.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

### LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

REC-69

YOUR FILE NO.

91-12002

September 25, 1972

FBI FILE NO.

91-44208 30

LATENT CASE NO.

A-58603

TO: SAC, New York

RE: SALVATORE NATURALE (PH) (DECEASED);  
JOHN S. VOJTONICZ;  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
450 AVENUE F  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8/22/72; BR

REFERENCE: Airtel 8/23/72

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: New York

SPECIMENS: Fingerprints and palm prints of Salvatore Naturale,  
FBI 651209K6

This report supplements Latent Fingerprint  
Section report dated 9/19/72.

Fingerprints and palm prints of Naturale  
compared with latent prints in bank robbery, bank burglary  
and bank larceny sections of National Unidentified Latent  
file, but no identification effected.

It should be noted that a copy of Naturale's  
identification record was forwarded to your office on  
8/23/72.

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Mrs. Neenan \_\_\_\_\_

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L. Patrick Gray, III, Acting Director



SAC, New York

September 25, 1972

Fingerprints and palm prints of Neturale  
retained.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 9-11-72 9:35a.m. amg

Reference No: 91-12002

FBI File No: 91-44808 30

Received: 8-28-72

Latent Case No: A-58603

Answer to: SAC, New York

Examination requested by: Addressee

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b7cRE: SALVATORE NATURALE (PH)  
(DECEASED); JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ; CHASE  
MANHATTAN BANK, 450 AVENUE P,  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, 8-22-72, BR

Date of reference communication: Airtel 8-23-72

Specimens: ~~Named Subject:~~

→ SALVATORE NATURALE

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cc: pps  
9/25/72

Result of examination:

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7pts & pps of Natural comp'd  
with lat ppts in BR, BB & BL sects of  
NUKF, mo & s. enc.Copy of ident. record of Natural was forwarded  
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Date: 8/23/72

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(Priority)TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTENTION: ID/LFS)

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CHASE MANHATTAN BANK,  
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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8/22/72  
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ReNYteletype to the Bureau, dated 8/23/72.

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following a bank robbery. No identification papers were  
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file in Identification Division section.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

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TO: SAC, Albany (Enclosures 2)

FROM: Acting Director, FBI 91-44808 311

JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ  
AND OTHERS  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
450 AVENUE P  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
AUGUST 22, 1972  
BANK ROBBERY

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1 - Mr. Marsi

Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Baker	✓
Mr. Bates	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Cleveland	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Dalbey	✓
Mr. Jenkins	✓
Mr. Marshall	✓
Mr. Miller, E.S.	✓
Mr. Ponder	✓
Mr. Soyars	✓
Mr. Walters	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Kinley	✓
Mr. Armstrong	✓

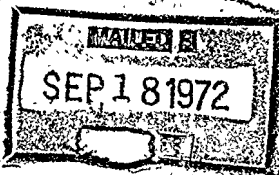
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- 2 - All Field Offices (except New York) - Enclosures 2
- 1 - New York (For information)

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**NOTE:** This is a bank robbery hostage and attempted skyjacking situation involving considerable Agent finesse in dealing with the culprits over an extended period of time and culminating in use of firearms resulting in the death of one subject and apprehension of all others. It is felt the letterhead memorandum furnished by New York Office will be beneficial to all other offices since it shows planning and action taken under difficult circumstances resulting in successful conclusion of the case.



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Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Thank you note to Mr. Malone for my signature.*

*JDH*

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*Has letter sent for Mr. Ponder signature*

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Date: 9/7/72

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JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ AND OTHERS  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
450 AVENUE P  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8/22/72  
BANK ROBBERY

*JOHN WOJTOWICZ*

*11/8/72*

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Enclosed are two copies of LHM outlining methods used by New York Agents in bringing about captioned case to a successful conclusion.

As indicated, the enclosed LHM sets forth the negotiations and course of action which proved to be successful. At one point during the negotiations, WOJTOWICZ was convinced to transport two hostages and himself in a Bureau car with two Bureau Agents. We utilized this avenue in an attempt to separate the subjects and reduce the number of hostages. WOJTOWICZ was advised that it was necessary for two Agents to be in the Bureau car under such circumstances. This plan was not followed through as subject SALVATORE NATURALE objected to the plan and as an alternative the airport limousine was used.

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Anticipation of the Bureau disseminating to all field offices certainly has merit in the event other field offices should be confronted with such a volatile situation over an extended period of time as was indicated in this matter.

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Special Agent in Charge





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

John S. Wojtowicz and others  
Chase Manhattan Bank  
450 Avenue P  
Brooklyn, New York  
August 22, 1972  
Bank Robbery

The following is a critique of the methods utilized by the New York Office (NYO) in bringing this case to a successful conclusion on the morning of August 23, 1972. The situation involved two armed subjects who took nine hostages into their custody at the victim bank and demanded jet air transportation from JFK International Airport to an unspecified location. The criminal violation consisted of Bank Robbery and what would have developed into aircraft piracy had the NYO not taken positive action which resulted in the shooting and killing of one of the bank robbery subjects by a Special Agent (SA) of the NYO.

SITUATION

At approximately 2:55 PM, August 22, 1972, Salvatore Naturale, John S. Wojtowicz and [redacted] entered the suburban branch office of the Chase Manhattan Bank located at 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, carrying a box which concealed two shoulder weapons and a handgun with which they intended to rob the bank. As the robbery began, [redacted] panicked and fled, however, Naturale and Wojtowicz proceeded to display their weapons and announced a holdup. They ordered bank doors locked and instructed employees to maintain the appearance of normal banking procedures while they looted cash drawers and the vault of \$213,101 in cash and travelers checks.

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[redacted] The main office immediately contacted the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The NYCPD quickly surrounded the bank and ordered the robbers to surrender. The robbers responded to this demand by threatening to shoot all nine hostages if attempts were made to enter the bank, but indicated a desire to "negotiate" hostages for their freedom.

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ENCLOSURE

### INITIAL REACTION

The following initial steps were undertaken by the NYO upon arrival of SAS under the direction of two Special Agents in Charge, at victim bank:

1. A brief conference was held with ranking officials of the NYCPD to determine courses of action undertaken by them and the extent of negotiations held with the robbers by that agency. This conference also included determination of the amount and type of special equipment on hand and/or available through this department (mobile emergency medical services, armored vehicles, search lights, public address systems, etc). Particular emphasis was placed on establishing appropriate crowd control procedures with the NYCPD as this case immediately received wide-spread publicity through the news media, and attracted a crowd which exceeded 10,000 persons at times.

2. A command post, staffed by the two SACs on the scene, was established with direct view of the bank, in this case a real estate office located across the street from the victim bank.

3. Communications systems were established - portable radio communications were set up between the command post and all SAS in the immediate area of the victim bank; an open landline was maintained between the command post and the NYO; all manpower assigned this case who were conducting investigation at locations other than the bank were directed through the NYO.

4. Bureau firearms experts, armed with rifles and telescopic sights were placed on nearby rooftops with a view of bank exits.

5. An intensive effort was immediately commenced to identify and develop complete background information regarding each subject, and the location of their families for a possible future aid during the negotiations.

## NEGOTIATIONS

Immediately upon arriving at the bank, it was determined that all attempts by local police officers to negotiate with the bank robbers had been rebuffed to the point that they did not desire to discuss and/or see any member of the local police department. The local officer who had been attempting to negotiate with the subjects prior to the arrival of the two SACs of the NYO and squad of SAs advised that the subjects' demands had "gone on and on" to the point where he did not feel they could be met, coupled with the fact that the subjects had observed the attention they were drawing by the mass crowd that had gathered as well as the fact that the news media was telephoning into the bank conducting on-the-spot interviews with the subjects. The local police advised that they had likewise spoken with the subjects on the telephone to no avail. Local police informed the FBI that one subject became so brazen that he came out of the bank on to the sidewalk armed with his rifle and a .38 caliber revolver, while the second subject held all the the hostages at gunpoint inside the bank. He also advised that the subjects became abusive and threatened to murder the hostages one by one and throw their bodies onto the street in the event their demands were not met.

At this point, telephonic contact was made with the ringleader, John Wojtowicz, and he was advised that two SACs of the NYO of the FBI were going to approach the front door of the bank and that they desired to talk with the subjects. Subject Wojtowicz stated he would talk to FBI representatives only under one condition and that the condition stated was that they must not be armed and if he ascertained that they were armed, he would carry out the previous threat of shooting the hostages one by one.

Two SACs presented themselves, unarmed, in front of victim bank as representatives of the FBI and initiated a negotiating period which lasted approximately 12 hours. Throughout this period, two primary objectives were held foremost in all negotiations:

The primary objective of course during this period of negotiations with the two armed subjects was to insure the safety of the hostages. The one subject admitted to the Bureau representatives negotiating with him that he was a homosexual, in fact, he requested to local police that they bring his "wife", another male homosexual, from the State mental hospital to the scene, which had been done. With these thoughts in mind, it

was necessary to negotiate to the degree of keeping the subjects as calm as possible and to keep "conning" them in their demands so that the threat to the hostages, whom they had already indicated they would kill one by one, would cease.

There was no question that as long as the subjects remained inside the bank, which had been double door locked with the keys in their possession in an armed condition with the hostages, they, to a degree, controlled the situation. It was necessary to negotiate with the subjects while not only analyzing and evaluating their demands but by making demands upon the subjects so as to have them both leave the interior of the bank wherein the Bureau would be in complete control of the subjects and hostages.

Both SACs convincingly dissuaded the bank robbers from the more unreasonable terms without heightening their fears. They repeatedly proposed alternatives to the robbers demands and offered plausible explanations as to why their most extravagant terms could not be met. Frequently, these efforts took the form of firm rejection of some demands as impractical. Every effort was made to delay the final decision of other demands until the subjects' resolve on them either weakened or disappeared.

At one point, Wojtowicz, alarmed by what he thought were menacing noises at the rear of the bank, fired a rifle shot through the back door, and appeared in front of the bank in a semi-hysterical state. At this time, one SAC entered the bank with Wojtowicz, ostensibly to investigate the noises which had aroused his distrust. Actually, this trip quickly accomplished its two objectives, the return of the subjects to a state in which negotiations could continue and inspection of hostages to determine whether any had been injured by this shot.

In addition, subject Wojtowicz accidentally discharged the rifle that he had in his possession.

### COURSE OF ACTION

After protracted negotiations, the subjects reiterated as their final position the demand for transportation to JFK Airport with hostages and a waiting aircraft to take them to another country. Further attempts to modify these demands met with increasingly hysterical threats and the aggressive display of weapons.

Before agreeing to their terms, the SACs set into motion the NYO's [REDACTED]. This plan centers around [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Other SAs [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Arrangements were also made for [REDACTED]

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At approximately 4:30 AM, August 23, 1972, a 12-passenger limousine was delivered to victim bank, driven by one SA [REDACTED]

At the insistence of the Bureau the robbers released two hostages as a "show of good faith" and agreed to release additional hostages as their demands were met. They also agreed to allow one Bureau vehicle to lead them to JFK Airport and one Bureau vehicle to follow as far as the Airport entrance.

Upon arrival of the limousine, one of the subjects armed with the rifle and .38 caliver revolver, conducted a thorough and complete search of the limousine, including looking under seats, luggage racks and actually feeling under the underside of the limousine. In addition he had the SA designated to drive the limousine, remove his jacket, at which time the subject made a complete body frisk. This, of course, proved most beneficial to the plan of action as the SA had secreted the weapon properly within the limousine and passed the search by the subject.

The subjects then surrounded themselves individually with the remaining hostages, with weapons pointed at the hostages, and entered the limousine. The convoy then proceeded to JFK Airport and upon arrival at the Airport entrance, the lead Bureau car, with the 2 SACs and one SA driver, proceeded to the satellite area, parking at the landing apron. The limousine followed and parked approximately 30 feet behind the first vehicle. The second Bureau auto and additional agent personnel also proceeded to JFK Airport by alternate routes and hidden from the view of the robbers, [redacted] augmenting the detail of agents manning [redacted]

#### CONCLUSION

On arrival at the satellite area at JFK Airport, the robbers released the third hostage and the SA driving the limousine at the same time was able to retrieve the hidden revolver and discreetly secreted this weapon in his belt. By prior arrangement, the Hansa Jet aircraft was to taxi to the satellite area 15 minutes after the arrival of the robbers, in the hope that the robbers might leave the vehicle and give the waiting agent personnel the opportunity to apprehend or shoot them without causing injury to the hostages. Instead, the bandits remained in the limousine with six hostages and instructed the driver to inquire about the availability of food. This SA, who had driven from victim bank to the airport with one subject's shotgun pointed at his head, felt that both robbers were now overly confident and becoming somewhat lax with regard to the handling of their weapons. While ostensibly inquiring at the lead Bureau vehicle about food, the SA driver reported the above facts to the two SACs. A plan was devised for the driver to return to the limousine followed by the SACs, who would then engage the subjects in casual conversation and determine if they could overwhelm both subjects by a simultaneous act on the part of all three SAs when the arriving Hansa Jet aircraft would momentarily distract them. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] When

the SACs stationed themselves adjacent to the seats occupied by the bank robbers, the jet aircraft taxied onto the parking apron and all three Bureau personnel, by the aforementioned code, took action. The driver whirled in the front seat, deflecting the shotgun from himself, fired one shot into the chest of Salvatore Naturale and one SAC removed the gun from Naturale's person. Simultaneously, the other SAC grasped the rifle held by Wojtowicz, who then surrendered without further resistance. Naturale was removed from this limousine and transported to a local hospital accompanied by two SAs, and was pronounced dead on arrival.

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TO: SAC, Albany (Enclosures 2)

9/15/72

FROM: Acting Director, FBI

JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ  
AND OTHERS  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
450 AVENUE P  
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AUGUST 22, 1972  
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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM NEW YORK 91-12002 3P

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JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ; ET AL; CHASE MANHATTAN BANK,  
*New York*  
FOUR FIFTY AVENUE P, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, AUGUST  
*22 1972*  
TWENTY TWO SEVENTY TWO, BANK ROBBERY.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Eastern District of New York  
AUSA EDWARD JOHN BOYD, EDNY, ADVISED THAT HE HAD

DETERMINED THROUGH AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR  
QUEENS COUNTY, NEW YORK, THAT A SUBPOENA WOULD BE  
ISSUED FOR THE APPEARANCE OF SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY SIX SEVENTY TWO TO TESTIFY BEFORE  
A QUEENS COUNTY GRAND JURY REGARDING THE CIRCUMSTANCES  
OF THE SHOOTING OF SALVATORE NATURALE AND ALSO PRESENT  
THE WEAPONS UTILIZED BY SUBJECTS IN THIS CASE. ALSO,  
SUBPOENAS WERE TO BE ISSUED FOR THE APPEARANCE OF BANK  
HOSTAGES WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO TESTIFY REGARDING THE SHOOTING.

ACCORDING TO QUEENS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
IT IS THE USUAL PROCEDURE TO PRESENT FACTS REGARDING  
THE SHOOTING BY A POLICE OFFICER IN ANY HOMICIDE AND THAT  
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THEY WOULD FURTHER REQUEST THAT SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] SIGN  
A WAIVER OF IMMUNITY.

AUSA BOYD STATED THAT HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY  
PREVIOUS ACTION OF THIS NATURE IN THE CASE WHERE A FEDERAL  
OFFICER WAS INVOLVED IN A SHOOTING INCIDENT. BOYD FURTHER  
STATED THAT SINCE HE DOES NOT FEEL SA <sup>Special Agent</sup> [REDACTED] TESTIMONY  
IS WARRANTED HE HAS CONTACTED THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE FOR A POLICY STATEMENT. BOYD ADVISED THAT HE  
DOES NOT INTEND TO DIRECTLY CONTACT DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
THOMAS J. MACKELL, QUEENS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
OFFICE, BUT WILL PROCEED SOLELY ON FEDERAL LEGAL  
PROCEDURE AND QUASH ANY SUBPOENA ISSUED FOR GRAND JURY  
APPEARANCE OF SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED]

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THE QUEENS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAS  
BEEN UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE OFFICE OF <sup>U.S. Attorney</sup> USA ROBERT  
MORSE, EDNY, AND IT APPEARS THAT A POSSIBLE FEUD MAY  
EXIST BETWEEN THE USA'S OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
OFFICE. CONSIDERING THIS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY MACKELL MAY  
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PAGE THREE

FEEL THAT THE PRESENTATION OF THIS CASE TO A LOCAL  
GRAND JURY WOULD BE A WAY OF RETALIATING FOR MORSE'S  
INCURSIONS INTO THE OPERATION OF HIS OFFICE. IT IS THE  
RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE THAT SPECIAL AGENT  
 NOT APPEAR TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE QUEENS  
GRAND JURY AND THAT THE BUREAU AVOID BEING INVOLVED IN  
ANY DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE USA'S OFFICE AND THE  
QUEENS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY' OFFICE.

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BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY AND ALL PERTINENT  
DEVELOPMENTS.

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**ST 100**

The Chase Manhattan Bank  
One Chase Manhattan Plaza  
New York, New York 10015

Dear

It was most thoughtful of you to write as you did regarding the endeavors of Assistant Director Baker and the personnel of our New York Office. A hostage situation presents the utmost challenge to the law enforcement profession and I certainly concur with your remarks about the work of the men who contributed to the successful resolution of the attempted robbery of your bank in Brooklyn, New York, on August 22nd. Communications such as yours mean a great deal to us and I hope our endeavors continue to merit your confidence.

Sincerely yours,

Pat Gray

L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director

1 - New York - Enclosure  
Personal Attention ADIC Malone: Bring to the attention of appropriate personnel.

1 - Mr. Baker - Enclosure  
Personal Attention

1 - Personnel File of Assistant Director Richard J. Baker - Enclosure

NOTE: [REDACTED] who is on the Law Enforcement Bulletin and Uniform Crime Reports bulletin mailing list, [REDACTED]

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**THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK**  
National Association

1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York, New York 10015

OCTOBER 6, 1972.

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Mr. Baker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. L. Patrick Gray,  
Acting Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Gray: Re: Richard J. Baker,  
Assistant Director.

As you are aware, the recent attempted robbery of our branch at 450 Avenue P in Brooklyn, New York, on August 22nd, quickly developed into a very dangerous hostage situation.

It is a personal pleasure for me to commend to you the superb performance of the Special Agents of the New York Office under the direction of Richard J. Baker during the potentially explosive and very sensitive fourteen hour confrontation which involved two armed bandits, eleven bank employees, hundreds of police officers, a considerable number of FBI Agents and thousands of onlookers.

Having known Dick Baker [redacted] I hope you will accept this assessment of his leadership as an objective one - as I sincerely believe it to be.

The circumstances of the robbery, the bizarre personalities of the bandits, as well as the unpredictableness of the situation, literally made minute to minute responses and decisions by Dick extremely critical - and through all of this, the lives of our eleven people were in jeopardy and they understandably were terrorized.

Dick demonstrated qualities of stability and calmness during some very trying periods and at all times he was "in charge".

Congratulations to you and to Dick and to your associates of the New York office for a very difficult job extremely well done.

Sincerely, 21 OCT 20 1972

[Redacted signature area]

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (91-44808)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (91-12002)

SUBJECT: JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ;  
ET AL;  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
450 AVENUE P,  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8/22/72  
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On 11/27/72, AUSA ROBERT CLAREY, EDNY,  
advised that he has been assigned to the captioned  
matter for trial purposes. He stated that he has  
been notified that [REDACTED] JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ

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[REDACTED] been judged  
competent to stand trial. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
stated his opinion in a letter to USDJ TRAVIA, EDNY,  
dated 10/6/72. No date has yet been set for trial  
in this matter.

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AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. Will follow and  
report results of prosecution.

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

Acting Director, FBI

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AIRCRAFT HIJACKING  
POTENTIAL LIABILITY FOR  
DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT

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1 - Mr. Bates

1 - Mr. Dalbey

1 - Mr. Mintz

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By letter dated October 12, 1972, [redacted]  
[redacted] Hansa Jet Corporation, expressed concern over the possible loss of aircraft, injury, or loss of life of personnel operating aircraft when his company furnishes assistance to the Government in aircraft hijacking cases. His letter points out that the insurance companies providing protection for airlines would be reluctant to pay where an airline furnishes equipment and personnel under circumstances where there is an extreme possibility of danger. [redacted] suggested that we obtain a legal opinion from the Department of Justice as to possible indemnification by the Government in the event the FBI requests an aircraft company to provide assistance in the future and there is damage which is not covered by an insurance company.

For your information there is enclosed a copy of [redacted] letter. The TWA bomb extortion case in March, 1972, to which he refers involved the following facts. An unidentified individual posing as a legitimate customer telephonically contacted the Hansa Jet Corporation regarding the availability of a chartered plane. A secretary at the Hansa Jet Corporation advised that one aircraft was available and inquired as to the intended destination. The unidentified caller indicated the destination was unknown but it was his intention to fly with two TWA executives and he would recontact Hansa regarding details. The unidentified caller obtained the name of the secretary and the number of the aircraft. He thereafter contacted TWA and told them to contact the Hansa secretary and put the extortion money in the Hansa aircraft and fly to Atlanta, Georgia, to await further contact. Hansa made available an aircraft which was flown to Atlanta by Hansa personnel with FBI Agents aboard. Following surveillance of the aircraft in Atlanta and the failure of the extortionist to appear, the Hansa plane was flown back to New York by Hansa personnel.

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Mr. Horwig \_\_\_\_\_  
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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

The second incident mentioned in [redacted] letter involved a bank robbery which occurred August 22, 1972, in New York where the robbers took hostages and demanded an airplane be made available at the John F. Kennedy Airport during the morning of August 23, 1972. The New York Office of the FBI contacted the Hansa Jet Corporation for assistance. Hansa provided an aircraft which was placed at the airport where it could be seen by the robbers in compliance with their request. Before the robbers could approach the aircraft, one of them was mortally wounded by an FBI Agent and the other surrendered. The Hansa Jet Corporation has filed no request for reimbursement with the FBI in regard to either of these two incidents.

We request that you review the comments in [redacted] letter and the facts related above and provide your opinion as to possible indemnification by the Government in these matters.

Enclosure

NOTE: Based on incoming letter from [redacted] dated 10/12/72.





October 12, 1972

Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Cleveland \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Dalbey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Jenkins \_\_\_\_\_  
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PERSONAL

Mr. L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director  
United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dear Mr. Gray:

On behalf of Hansa Jet Corporation I want to thank you for your kind letter of September 7th, commending our Company and our personnel on their involvement in the successful resolution of the August 22nd bank robbery in New York, N.Y.

Needless to say [REDACTED] I would not hesitate to provide any assistance to the Bureau within my capability and particularly whenever I could be of help [REDACTED] John Malone.

There is a point that has come up in recent times that I would like to call to your attention. Specifically this involves the potential problem of aircraft insurance when aircraft are being utilized to assist the Bureau. As you may know we participated in the TWA bomb extortion case in March 1972 and now with the August bank robbery I have become somewhat concerned that there could exist an instance whereby an insurance company writing the coverage on an aircraft such as the Hansa Jet could take a negative position in the event of damage or destruction of the aircraft while being involved in situations such as the above. For example, an insurance company could take the position that I have knowingly sent one of my aircraft on a trip involving the Bureau where there was an extreme possibility of danger, i.e. the use of weapons. They could consider this to be not a normal risk under their policy. I have checked this matter out in a peripheral way with one U.S. insurance underwriter and they have indicated that they might end up having to pay for damage or destruction of the aircraft, but it would certainly become a matter of litigation before any payment would be made.

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CORPORATE OFFICE:  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY AIRPORT,  
WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK 10604 U.S.A.

Corporate Office: Hansa Jet Corporation, Westchester County Airport, White Plains, New York 10604 U.S.A.  
Telephone (914) 761-2800 • Telex: 137311 • Cable: HANSAJET White Plains (New York State)

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LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. L. Patrick Gray, III  
October 12, 1972  
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In order to avoid a situation such as this I wonder if perhaps you might consider getting a legal opinion from the Department of Justice as to possible indemnification by the government in the event the Bureau requests a Company such as mine to assist them in the future. This would insure that a Bureau Field Office would then be in a position, when requesting assistance for the use of an aircraft, to be able to state to the person from whom they are requesting the assistance, that there would be full indemnification in the event of damage or destruction to the aircraft or injury or loss of life to personnel operating the aircraft.

In conclusion you may be sure that both my Company and myself are ready at any time to be of assistance to the Bureau in the future.

I conclude by extending my personal best wishes and good luck to you in your new position. You certainly have gotten off to a most formidable and favorable start.

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Date: 11/15/72

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 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (91-12002) (P)  
 SUBJECT: JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ; ET AL;  
 CHASE MANHATTAN BANK,  
 450 AVENUE P, BROOKLYN, NY,  
 8/22/72  
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Re Bureau airtel to New York, 9/27/72.

Local television and news sources have been contacted by NYO regarding captioned matter. Sources contacted advised that no film is available.

The National Broadcasting Company (NBC) and the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) advised that their film is not released without a subpoena; however, [redacted] News Film Operations, NBC, and [redacted] ABC, advised that in view of the Bureau's request for film, for training purposes only, they would make a special request to their supervisors to release their film to the Bureau.

As of 11/15/72, no decision has been reached by NBC or ABC to release this film.

The NYO is closely following this matter.

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AT NEW YORK. NEW YORK. 1) Will maintain contact with [redacted] (NBC) and [redacted] (ABC) regarding release of news film to the Bureau.

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2) Will immediately notify the Bureau if film is released by NBC and/or ABC.

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11PM NITEL 1-11-73 CJR

TO ACTING DIRECTOR 91-44808

FROM NEW YORK 91-12002

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Baker	_____
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JOHN S. WOJCIOWICZ; ET AL; CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, FOUR FIVE  
ZERO AVENUE P, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, AUGUST TWENTY SECOND  
SEVENTY TWO, BANK ROBBERY.

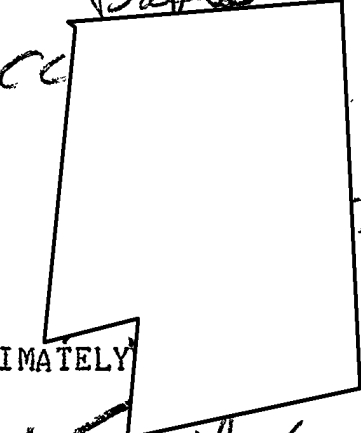
RE NEW YORK AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED, NOVEMBER FIFTEEN  
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ON JANUARY TEN SEVENTY THREE, [REDACTED]

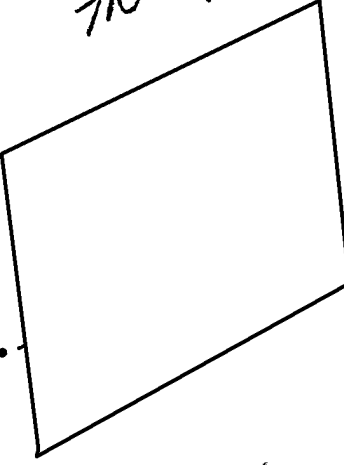
[REDACTED] NEWS FILM OPERATION, NBC, ADVISED THEY HAVE APPROXIMATELY  
ONE THOUSAND FEET OF NEWS FILM RE CAPTIONED MATTER AND NBC  
WILL ALLOW FILM TO BE REVIEWED BY BUREAU PERSONNEL. NBC  
AGREEABLE TO SALE OF FILM. THE COST OF REPRINTING TWENTY  
CENTS PER FOOT.

[REDACTED] ABC, ADVISED REQUEST HAS BEEN  
MADE TO DIRECTORS, ABC, AND FELT ABC WILL ALLOW THEIR NEWS  
FILM TO BE USED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES BY BUREAU. ABC WILL  
CHARGE FBI COST OF REPRINTING FILM AT TWENTY CENTS PER FOOT.  
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UACB, SAC, NEW YORK AND SELECTED PERSONNEL WILL REVIEW  
FILM. SELECT FOOTAGE SUITABLE FOR TRAINING PURPOSES AND  
PURCHASE SAME NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Jenkins *JG*

DATE: 2-6-73

FROM :

[Redacted]

SUBJECT: WARNER COMMUNICATIONS; REQUEST  
FOR RELEASE FROM ASSISTANT  
DIRECTOR RICHARD J. BAKER

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Mr. Felt ☒  
Mr. Baker ☒  
Mr. Callahan ☐  
Mr. Cleveland ☐  
Mr. Conrad ☐  
Mr. Gebhardt ☐  
Mr. Jenkins ☒  
Mr. Marshall ☐  
Mr. Miller, E.S. ☐  
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Mr. Kinley ☐  
Mr. Armstrong ☐  
Mr. Bowers ☐  
Mr. Herington ☐  
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Warner Communications is interested in obtaining a release from Assistant Director Baker in connection with a movie to be made based on the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank, Brooklyn, New York, August 22, 1972.

*WNY*  
In early January, [Redacted], spoke to former Assistant Director Dwight J. Dalbey and [Redacted] concerning this matter. [Redacted] then advised that Warner Brothers plan to make a film based on the above case, tentatively entitled "The Boys in the Bank." [Redacted] indicated that in his professional opinion, no releases were needed, but because of our excellent relations with Warner Brothers, their New York office requested that FBI headquarters be contacted in an effort to obtain a release from Mr. Baker. [Redacted] contact with Dalbey was principally to ascertain what form the release should take so as not to give the appearance of being binding on the FBI. [Redacted] also mentioned the possibility of reviewing the script for accuracy and he was advised that this could not be done because the matter was still pending before the courts. He said at that time that the script had not been prepared.

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The case involved is that of John S. Wojtowicz and Salvatore Naturale, who held up the Chase Manhattan Bank in Brooklyn, New York, on August 22, 1972. When New York Police arrived on the scene, the robbers took a number of hostages. Mr. Baker, then a Special Agent in Charge in New York, arrived on the scene, took charge of the negotiations, and eventually Naturale was killed and Wojtowicz captured after they were taken to John F. Kennedy Airport where they were demanding an aircraft. During negotiations, one subject admitted he was a homosexual, and requested that his "wife," another homosexual, then in a state mental hospital, be brought to the scene. This was done.

Enclosure

ENCLOSURE

- 1 - Mr. Baker - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Jenkins - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Mintz - Enclosure

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Mr. Herington - Enclosure  
1 - [Redacted] - Enclosure

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[redacted] to Jenkins Memo

RE: WARNER COMMUNICATIONS; REQUEST FOR RELEASE FROM  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR RICHARD J. BAKER

We have now received this release and it has been reviewed by Inspector Mintz and was discussed with Assistant Director Baker. Mr. Mintz is of the opinion that the release is not binding on the FBI; however, it is also his opinion that Mr. Baker should not sign the release as it is not clear exactly what Mr. Baker is giving up. There appears to be no advantage to signing the release, while there could be some disadvantages if the actual motion picture should portray Mr. Baker in an inaccurate and unfavorable light. Mr. Baker himself is personally reluctant to sign such a release.

RECOMMENDATION:

That we contact [redacted] and advise him simply that Mr. Baker does not desire to sign this release.

*advised*

*2-9-73*

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ADDENDUM (RJB:csh), 2/7/73:

The release is so broadly worded that, in signing it, I would surrender any rights to object to the script or the manner in which a portrayal is made. By refusing to sign, Warner Brothers will not be prevented from making the film, but perhaps will be a little more sensitive in their handling of the script, casting of actors, and direction.

*[Handwritten signature]*

R. J. Baker

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>2/7/73</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>8/23/72 - 2/6/73</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JOHN STANLEY WOJTEWICZ, aka John Wojtowicz, Joseph P. Goodman:</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>lwt</b>
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REFERENCES:			

Bureau airtel to New York dated, 8/29/72.  
New York report of SA  dated,  
8/29/72.

New York nitel to Bureau dated, 8/30/72.  
New York airtel to Bureau dated, 9/1/72.  
Laboratory report to New York dated, 9/5/72.  
New York airtel to Bureau dated, 9/7/72.  
New York nitel to Bureau and New Haven dated, 9/6/72.  
New York teletype to Bureau dated, 9/14/72.  
Laboratory report to New York dated, 9/25/72.  
New Haven letter to New York dated, 10/3/72.  
New York airtel to Bureau dated, 11/15/72.  
New York airtel to Bureau dated, 11/28/72.  
New York nitel to Bureau dated, 1/11/73.  
New Haven letter to New York dated, 1/26/73.

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SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

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- 2 - New Haven (15-8766)
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- 5 - New York (91-12002)

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(1 - USA, EDNY, Attn: AUSA CLAREY)

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## Dissemination Record of Attached Report

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SALVATORE NATURALE, aka  
Donald Matterson,  
Salvatore Naturile (DECEASED);  
Chase Manhattan Bank  
450 Avenue P  
Brooklyn, New York  
8/22/72

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

New York is claiming recovery of [ ] in bank funds from captioned robbery. This money was recovered from the [ ] who voluntarily admitted possession of same on 8/30/72. [ ] were interviewed, money recovered, and the matter was presented to AUSA BOYD, EDNY, for prosecutive opinion. This recovery was reported by referenced nitel dated, 8/30/72.

It is noted that the investigative period of this report overlaps the investigative reporting period of the previous report; however, this report is including FD-302's which were not available for inclusion in the previous report.

It is further noted that the investigative period of this report is lengthy; however, as previously reported to the Bureau in referenced communications, USA, EDNY, advised that it was anticipated the subjects would plead guilty to captioned matter before submission of this report. A delay was caused when the subjects were sent for psychiatric examination and evaluation by the court. This matter has been kept current through interoffice communications as evidenced by the reference section.

As the Bureau was previously notified on 1/11/73, the National Broadcasting Company and the American Broadcasting Company have agreed to sell the Bureau any desired segments of the news film obtained during the captioned robbery for training purposes by the Bureau.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONT'D:

On 1/31/73, the records of the [redacted]  
[redacted] were made available by [redacted] Protect  
Identity). [redacted]

[redacted] Prior to divulgence of  
this information a subpoena duces tecum should be issued to  
[redacted]

LEADS:

NEWARK

AT JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY. 1. Will determine if  
[redacted] Jersey  
City, New Jersey, and furnish name of same to New York, as  
described in FD-302 reflecting interview with [redacted]  
[redacted]

2. Will attempt to identify [redacted] (LNU) the  
[redacted]

3. Will conduct credit and criminal check of [redacted]  
(LNU) when fully identified.

[redacted]

These telephone numbers were furnished during inter-  
view with [redacted]

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AT HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT. Will continue efforts to determine where theft of six Colt Cobra .38 caliber revolvers, Model D3420, consigned from Colt's, 150 Huyshope Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, to Gabes, 800 South Preston, Louisville, Kentucky, on 9/22/71 occurred.

PHILADELPHIA

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA. 1. Will conduct Motor Vehicle check on Pennsylvania License [redacted] presently

[redacted]

2. Will conduct credit and criminal check when DMV check has been completed, and forward any available photograph of registered owner to the New York and Newark Divisions.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. 1. Will maintain contact with AUSA RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI, SDNY, regarding the possibility of having [redacted] testify before FGJ, SDNY.

2. Will determine subscribers to telephone numbers found in possession of WOJTOWICZ at the time of arrest.

3. Will follow and report results of prosecution at SDNY regarding [redacted]

4. Will conduct logical investigation to determine if [redacted] has in his possession any of the Colt .38 caliber revolvers from the New Haven theft (NH 15-39560).

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AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. 1. Will follow and report results of prosecution at EDNY.

2. Will maintain contact with AUSA ROBERT CLAREY, EDNY.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, EDNY (Attn: AUSA ROBERT CLAREY)  
1 - USA, SDNY (Attn: AUSA RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI)

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: New York, New York

Date: 2/7/73

Field Office File #: 91-12002

Bureau File #: 91-44808

Title: JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ;

[REDACTED]  
SALVATORE NATURALE;  
Chase Manhattan Bank  
450 Avenue PCharacter: Brooklyn, New York  
August 22, 1972

Synopsis: BANK ROBBERY

Contact has been maintained USA, EDNY regarding prosecution. On 8/30/72, [REDACTED] tellers held captive during robbery of Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, 8/22/72. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WOJTOWICZ during robbery. On 8/30/72, facts presented to AUSA BOYD, EDNY for prosecutive opinion. BOYD advised that he would hold prosecutive opinion in abeyance until all facts received. On 8/31/72, facts of robbery presented to FGJ, EDNY, and true bill returned charging subjects with violation of Title 18, USC, Section 2113(a), (d), (e), 2, and 371, for the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank, on 8/22/72. On 9/1/72, WOJTOWICZ interviewed and admitted [REDACTED]

9/5/72, FBI Identification Division reported that two latent fingerprints and one latent palm print found inside bank were those of WOJTOWICZ. [REDACTED]

On 9/15/72, [REDACTED] interviewed and admitted sale of Colt .38 caliber revolver to WOJTOWICZ for \$125.00 prior to robbery. [REDACTED] denied knowledge of robbery or involvement in same. Colt Cobra .38 caliber revolver, serial number B76655, in possession of WOJTOWICZ at time of arrest on 8/23/72, reported stolen

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SYNOPSIS CONT'D:

during shipment from Colt, Hartford, Connecticut, to Louisville, Kentucky. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] On 1/30/73, AUSA GIULIANI, SDNY, presented facts concerning [REDACTED] GIULIANI advised that he desired further investigation concerning [REDACTED] and would consider subpoenaing [REDACTED] to testify before FGJ, SDNY. On 2/5/73, AUSA CLAREY, EDNY, was again presented with the facts concerning [REDACTED] and statement of WOJTOWICZ concerning incident. CLAREY declined prosecution [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On 2/5/73, AUSA CLAREY advised that since WOJTOWICZ [REDACTED] been found competent to stand trial, he anticipates guilty pleas in the near future from both subjects. Investigation continuing.

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One (1) copy of report of SA [REDACTED] dated, 8/29/72, at New York, New York.

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JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ ON AUGUST 23, 1972

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The following listed items were removed from the person of JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ immediately after his arrest for the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, on August 22, 1972:

- (1) One brown wallet with the initials "JSW" on the front, containing miscellaneous photographs and papers.
- (2) One form DD-214 in the name of JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ containing the following information:

Service Number	RA 51 604 832
Social Security Number	087-38-6115
Grade	"SP/4"
Date of Birth	March 9, 1945
Branch	Army
Character of Service	Honorable
Dates of Service	March 29, 1966 to March 28, 1969
Source of Entry	Enlisted
Home of Record	612 Flatbush Avenue Brooklyn, New York
Decorations	(1) Sharpshooter M-14 (2) Vietnam Campaign Medal (3) Vietnam Service Medal (4) Good Conduct Medal (5) National Defense Service Medal

- (3) One Hilton Inn receipt, J. F. Kennedy Airport dated August 19, 1972, Room 725, two persons, in the name of   in the amount of \$32.24.

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- (4) One American Express Travelers Cheques Purchasers Application dated April 7, 1972, for thirteen twenty dollar denomination cheques for a total of \$260.

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 JJJ:lwt Date dictated 8/25/72

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- (5) Two Chase Manhattan Bank Americard Credit Cards, Serial Number 4225-967-112-631, in the name of JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ.
- (6) One Beneficial Finance System Interoffice Identification Card Number ER 3335502, in the name of JOHN WOJTOWICZ.
- (7) One New York City Department of Social Services Identification Card Number 3214253 1 01279841, in the name of JOHN WOJPOWICZ.
- (8) One St. Vincent's Hospital, Seventh Avenue and 11th Street, New York City, Out-Patient Department, Identification Card Number 29 56 34 BD 3/9/45, in the name of JOHN WOJTOWICZ.
- (9) One Social Security Card Number 087-38-6115, in the name of JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ.
- (10) One business card in the name of [redacted]  
[redacted]  
Written on the front of this card was [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Written on the back of this card was [redacted]
- (11) One business card in the name of the Beneficial Finance Company, 632 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number 693-6404. Written on this card was the name [redacted]
- (12) One Board of Elections in the City of New York, Kings County, Identification Card Number 2263752, in the name of JOHN S. WOJTOWIEZ

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- (13) One Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Post Number 7096, Serial Number 250737, in the name of JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ.
- (14) One Prudential Insurance Company Group Information Card listed to Royal National Bank of New York, 1212 Avenue of Americas, New York, New York, telephone number 686-1200, in the name of WOJTOWICZ.
- (15) One Selective Service System Registration Certificate in the name of JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ, number 50-44-45-291.
- (16) One "Invitation" on blue paper which read as follows: "Mr. Little John Basso and Mr. John G. Bond cordially invite you to attend their wedding Sunday July 11, 1971 at 6:00 p.m. GAA Firehouse, 99 Wooster Street, Manhattan, New York. Reception and dance 7 p.m. \* 12. Please reply by June 3, to Mr. Little John Basso, 612 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225."
- (17) The City of New York, Department of Social Services, Number 00 486 947, case number 3214253, Center 15, in the name of JOHN WOJTOWICZ, 250 West 10th Street, New York City.
- (18) One Amalgamated Bank of New York Account Number Card in the name of JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ, number 06-104749.
- (19) One business card in the name of the Spinning Wheel Motel and Hotel, 372 East Main Street, Bay Shore, New York, telephone number MOhawk 5-5400. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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(20) One business card in the name of the Summit Motel, 501 East Main Street, Bay Shore, New York, telephone number (516) 666-6000. Written on the back was the following telephone number: [redacted]

(21) One business card in the name of [redacted] Uplift Inc., Suite 5B, 44 Butler Place, Brooklyn, New York 11238, telephone number 783-0315 and 783-0316.

(22) One personal check dated March 18, 1972, to the order of JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ in the amount of fifty cents, for "Trick," drawn on the Chemical Bank, 204 West Fourth Street, New York, New York, account number [redacted]  
[redacted]

(23) One white piece of paper with the following written on same:

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(10) Firehouse (226-8572)

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(13) Mr. ERNEST ARON  
225 East 57 11F  
421-2622

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(24) One white piece of paper with the following  
written on same:

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(14) Paramount Hotel (W. 46)  
246-5500

(15) Doral Hotel  
70 Park Ave. (38th St.)

(16)

(17) "303 British M-fired"  
"Bort Action - 10 round clip"  
\$35.

(18) Map drawn listing following streets:  
Lorimer; Union Avenue; Marcy Avenue;  
Havermeyer; Metropolitan

(25) One white piece of paper with the following  
written on same:

(1)

(2) Possible safe combination:  
10-L-4  
90-R-3 Left 2 times to 60  
20-L-2

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(26) One white piece of paper with the following written on same:

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Country Cousin Rest.  
75th St. & 3rd Ave.  
NY  
879-6614

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- (27) One business card in the name of [redacted]  
Beacon Baths and Health Club, 227 East 45th  
Street, New York, N.Y. 10017, 11th floor,  
687-0322, 687-0323. Written on the back was  
the following:

(1)

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- (28) One membership card in Lambda Club, Ltd... in  
the name of Little John Basso, listing [redacted]  
[redacted]

- (29) One white piece of paper with the following  
writing on same:

(1)	M.H.T. Co.	10/3/63-1/25/66 = 2 1/3 yrs.
(2)	[redacted]	1/26/66-3/15/66 = 2 m
(3)	[redacted]	4/22/69-9/5/69 = 4 1/2 m.
(4)	[redacted]	9/8/69-9/30 = (1m)
(5)	[redacted]	10/6/69-2/13/70 = 4 1/4 m.
(6)	M.H.T. Co.	2/16/70-9/15/70 = 7m
(7)	[redacted]	9/21/70-4/19/71 = 7m
(8)	[redacted]	

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- (30) One business card in name of [redacted] representative, Metropolitan Life, 77-06 Rockaway Boulevard, Woodhaven, N.Y., office 296-8000, [redacted] Written on the back of this card was the following:  
296-8000
- (31) Written on the back of a Protein 21 conditioner certificate was the following:
- (1) [redacted]
- (2) [redacted]
- (32) One piece of prescription blank in the name of [redacted] Written on the back of same was the following:
- (1) [redacted]
- (2) [redacted]
- (3) [redacted]
- (4) Parkview  
462-9684
- (33) One card in the name of [redacted] [redacted] with the following written on same:
- (1) Roundtable  
758-0310
- (2) [redacted]

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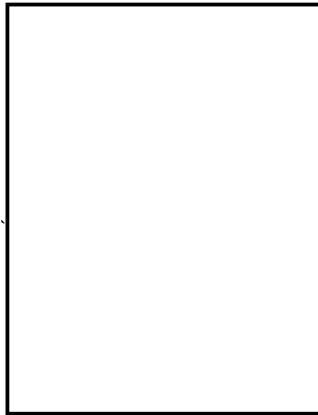
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- (34) One business card in the name of   
 Model & Portrait Photographer,  
 Written on the back of same  
was the following:

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- (35) One white piece of paper with the following  
written on same:

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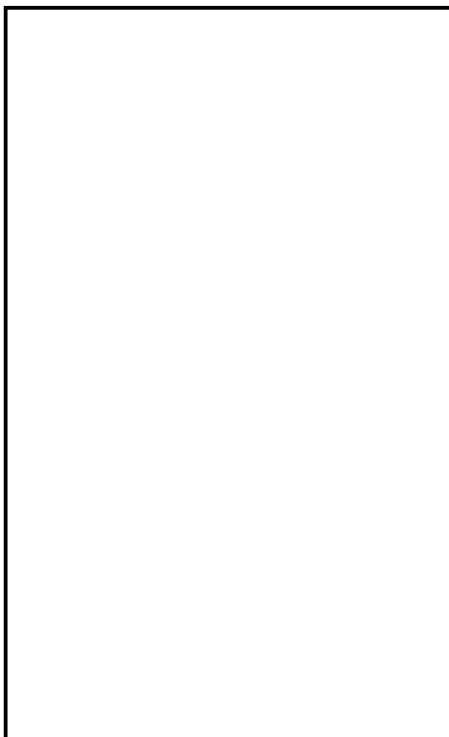
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- (36) One torn piece of paper from newspaper with the following written on same:



- (37) One white piece of white paper with the following written on same:

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(2)



- (3) Christopher's End  
989-9125

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- (4) Club Baths'  
24 1st Avenue
- (5) Paramount Hotel  
W. 46 \$14.00  
246-5500
- (6) YMCA - Central  
34th (8 & 9th) \$9.00  
695-5133
- (7) Wine Cellar  
242-6769

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- (11) Mr. ARON  
225 East 57th St.  
Apt. 11F  
421-2622

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(35) Gay Dogs  
929-9766

(36) Silver Dollar  
243-9259

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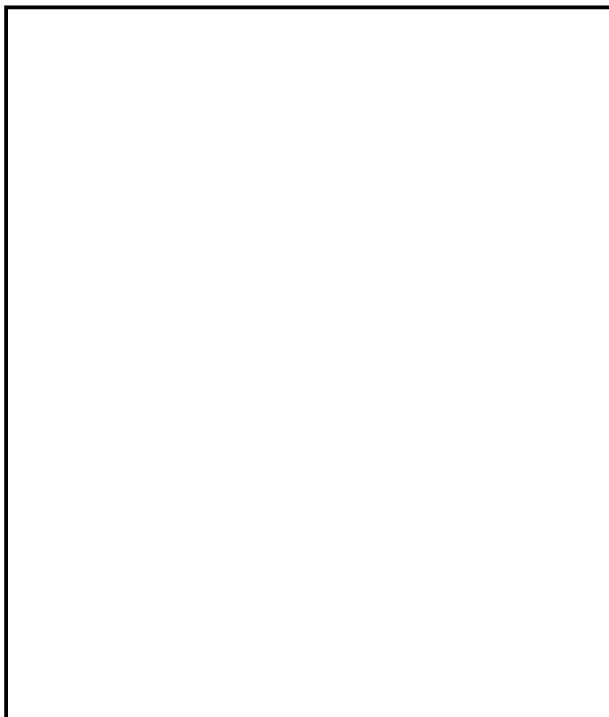
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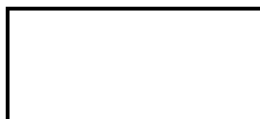
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(38) One blue piece of paper with the following written on same:

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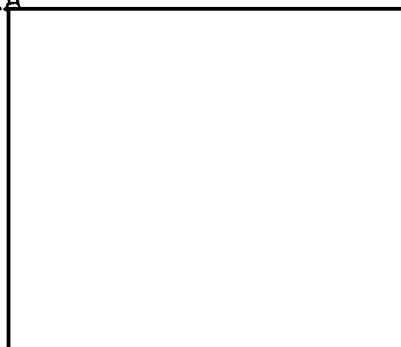


(39) One white piece of paper with the following written on same:

"GAA"

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(16) COMEBACK  
185 W. 10

(17) New Showplace  
146 W. 4

(18) Tenth of Always  
82 W. 3rd

(19) Never Too Late  
246 E. 9th

(20) Silver Palace  
350 E. 81

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(29) Roundtable  
151 E. 50th  
758-0310 (4-4)

(30) Sanctuary  
43rd 9 & 10th

(31) Year 2000  
49th 8th Ave  
(9:30)

(32) Heat Wave  
W3

(33) Zoo-at-Zodiac Lipstairs

(34)

(35) Beacon Baths  
227 E. 45 - 11th floor  
687-0322

(36) Continental Baths  
230 W. 74  
799-2688  
111 W. 56 or 118 W. 57

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- (40) One business card in the name of [redacted]  
[redacted] Brown and Hawley, Inc., 123 William  
Street, New York, N.Y., 10038, (212) 227-1366,  
[redacted] with the following written  
on same:

(1) [redacted]

(2) Parkview  
462-9684

- (41) One business card in the name of Apri Jewelers,  
Meadtown Shopping Center, Route #23, Kinneelon,  
N.J., telephone number 838-2266, with the  
following written on same:

(1) Amerace-Esna Corp.

(2) [redacted]

(3) Richards Co.  
635 Madison Ave. (59th St.)  
NYC 10022 (Vision Building)  
Lunch 12-1

(4) Queens  
88th Ave.  
144-150st

- (42) One business card in the name of Danny's  
Fisherman Lounge, Red Room, 108 Montague  
Street, Brooklyn Heights, N.Y., telephone  
number 625-8844, with the following written  
on same:

(1) [redacted]

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- (43) One business card in the name of Man's Country Ltd., 53 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn Heights, N.Y. 11201, telephone number (212) 624-1362-3, "Men Only," with the following written on same:

(1)

(2)



- (44) One business card in the name of American Rentals, 1699 Flatbush Avenue, U-Haul 377-9828, Econo-Car, 253-1000, Truck and Car Rentals, with the following written on same:

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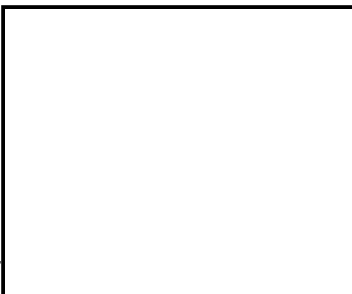


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(46) One white piece of paper with the following  
written on same:

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(4) Paramount Hotel  
W. 46 (246-5500)  
347-4664

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(18) Firehouse  
226-8572

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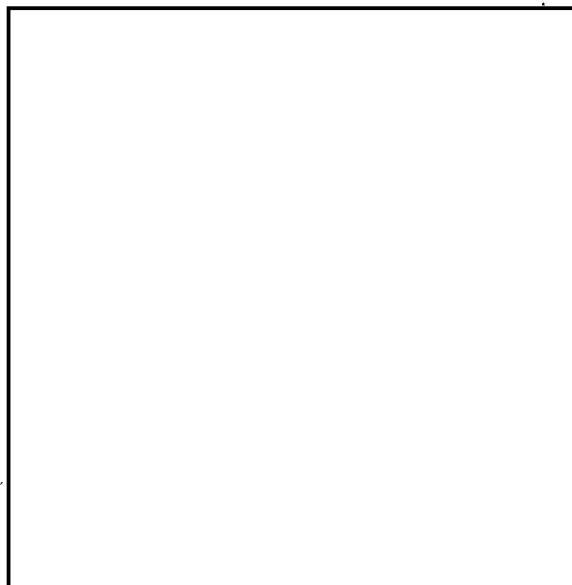
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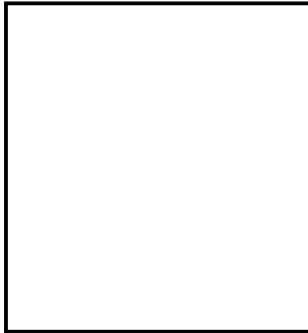
(48) One black address book containing the follow-  
ing names, addresses, and telephone numbers:





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Adams Hotel  
2 East 86th Street  
744-1800

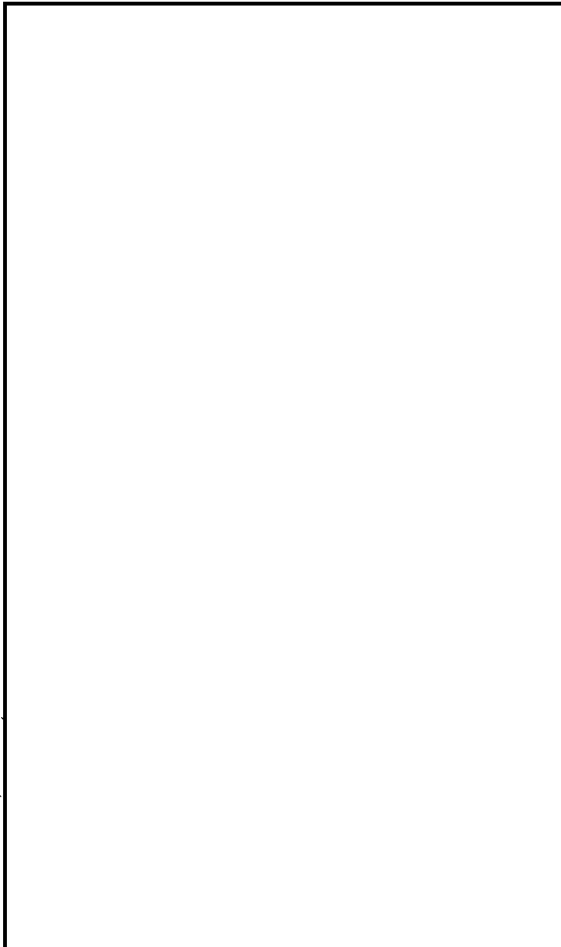


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564-8484  
New York Central  
736-2000



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Casino  
VI 3-4455  
113 St. Liberty Ave.  
843-9729



Credit - Daily Letigation Office  
524-1010



Deluxe  
964-5885 Work  
372-4400

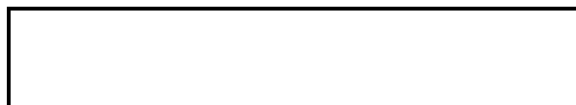
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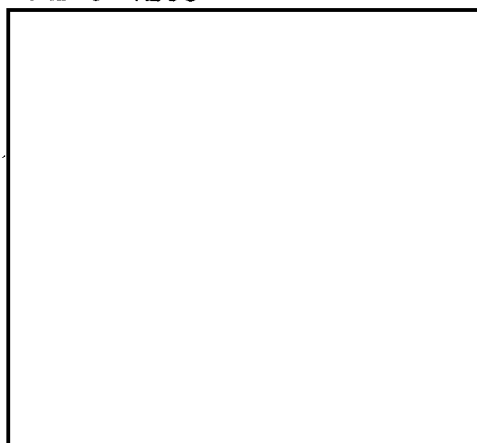
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Fair  
90th St. & Astoria Blvd.  
Jackson Heights  
HA 9-1870



Fort-Way  
68th St. and Ft. Hamil  
BE 8-4200

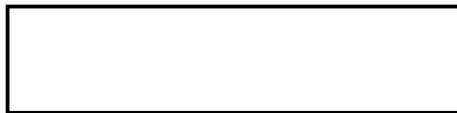


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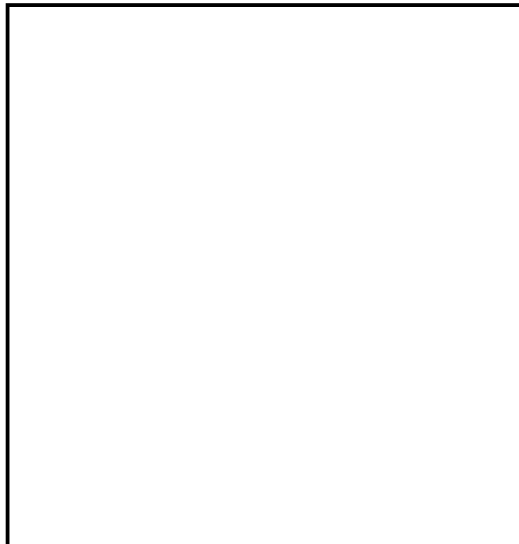
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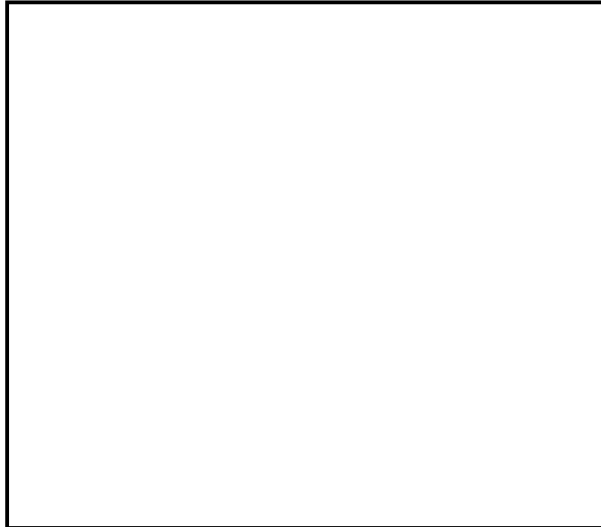


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333 Schborn - 834-7700  
155 Worth - 488-5050



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(Illegible) Houses  
2632 Linden Blvd.  
647-4800

Plaza  
ST 3-1050



Head-dresser  
284-9069

N.Y. Port Authority  
564-8484



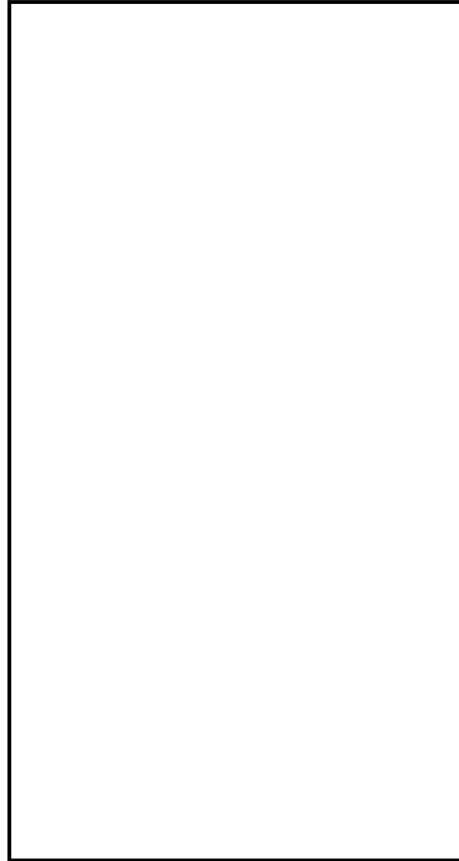
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Church & Utica - DI 6-7807



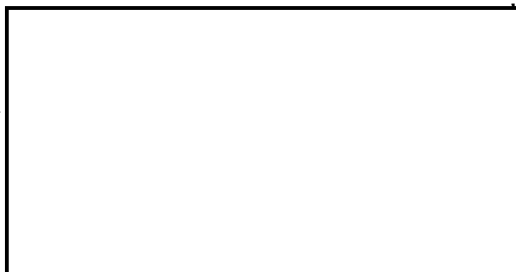
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Strand - B'way Crescent - Astoria  
\$1.50  
YE 2-4499 (R.)

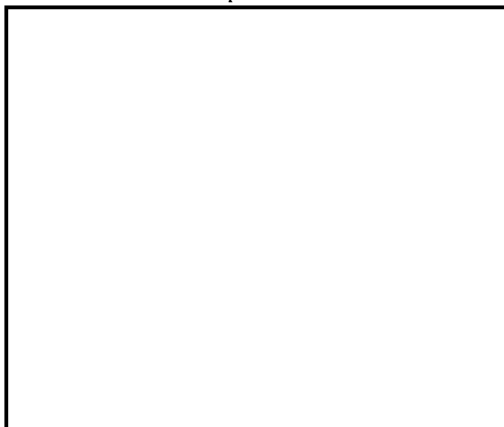


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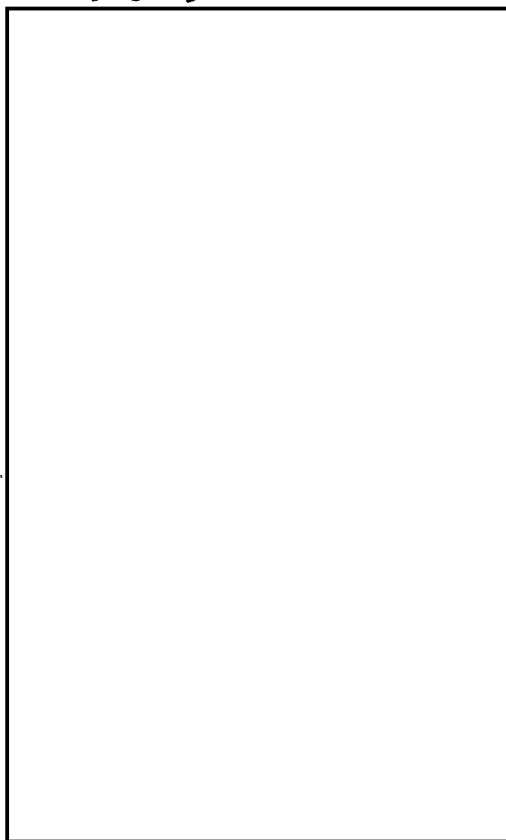




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III. ITEMS IN POSSESSION OF  
SALVATORE NATURALE, AKA ON AUGUST 23, 1972

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The following articles were found on the person of SALVATORE NATURALE (phonetic) after the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, on August 22 and 23, 1972, and NATURALE's subsequent death at John F. Kennedy International Airport in an attempted getaway with hostages:

1. \$11,887.00 in United States currency.
2. Seven twelve gauge shotgun cartridges, number four magnum.
3. One pair sunglasses, aviator style.
4. Two automobile ignition keys with tag denoting "Tan Duster 23Z753."
5. One metal key ring with 14 assorted keys attached.
6. One pocket comb, blue in color.
7. One cotton handkerchief, white.
8. One asprin tin container, empty.
9. One "Rent Receipt", received from DONALD MATTERSEN, in the amount of \$18.00, dated August 6, 1972, and signed [redacted]
10. One business card, "Kwik Kopy", [redacted] 262 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, phone number YU 9-3232.
11. One business card, Horizon Motel, Inc. No. 1, 301 Bypass South, Rocky Mount, North Carolina. phone number (919) 443-4221, hand written name [redacted]

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by SAS [redacted] and JPF:rmc Date dictated 8/28/72

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12. One business card, Robert Alan Hotel, Kingsley and Second Avenue, Asbury Park, New Jersey, phone 774-2811

13. One business card for the Golden Disc, 163 West 10th Street, New York, New York, phone number (212) 255-7899, with hand-written words on back "Summer Surfing Sand, by the Beach Boys 1964."

14. One business card for the Penny Candy Store, 136-7th Avenue South, New York, New York, 10014, phone number (212) 741-3014, hand written name [redacted]

15. One business card for P. J. Boutique, 37 Greenwich Avenue, New York, New York, phone (212) 675-7829.

16. One business card for Danny's of Sheridan Square, 140 Seventh Avenue South, New York, New York, phone number (212) 691-8373.

17. One business card for [redacted] The Plaza, Fifth Avenue, at 39th Street, phone number PL 9-3000, handwritten name on back [redacted]

18. One business card for Wrangler Wranch, 43 Greenwich Avenue, New York, New York, phone numbers 691-4696 and 777-8760.

19. One carbon copy for receipt at Golden Gate Inn, 3867 Shore Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, phone number (212) SH 3-4000, in the name of WOJTOWICZ and [redacted] dated August 21, 1972, for room number 136.

20. One receipt from Morris Department Store, 328 Bleacher Street, New York, New York, dated August 10, 1972, for one sneaker, price \$8.54.

21. One slip of paper with handwritten name [redacted]  
[redacted]

22. One slip of paper with handwritten notations  
as follows:

[redacted] (Wed thru Sat)

Reverse side of slip as follows:

[redacted]  
23. One slip of paper, yellow in color, with  
hand written notation as follows:

[redacted]  
24. One slip of paper, white in color, with hand  
written notation:

Ask for [redacted] 10:00 AM

25. One wedding ring, gold.

26. One slip of paper, white in color, with the  
following notation:

Received from: [redacted] one, gift package contents  
unknown. This is 19th of August 1972 at Roundtable  
Manhattan NY at :

(signed) X [redacted]

Time: 8:45

27. One small address and telephone book with the  
following names, addresses, and telephone numbers:

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IV. MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF  
SALVATORE NATURALE, AKA ON AUGUST 23, 1972

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SA [ ] observed SALVATORE NATURALE as he was being removed from an airport limousine and being put on a stretcher, after being shot on a runway at the John F. Kennedy Airport.

Agent [ ] rode next to NATURALE in the ambulance that took him from the airport to the emergency room at Jamaica Hospital, 89th Avenue and Van Wyck Expressway, Queens, New York. Hospital doctors at the Jamaica Hospital pronounced NATURALE dead on arrival and turned his clothes and personal belongings over to Agents [ ]

After being pronounced dead, NATURALE was taken to Queens General Hospital, 82-68 164th Street, Queens, New York, where he was temporarily placed in the hospital morgue. NATURALE was transported to the Queens General Hospital via ambulance and under the custody of SA [ ]

Agent [ ] remained with NATURALE's body for approximately one and a half hours while it was at the morgue in Queens General Hospital. At approximately 8:45 A.M. on August 23, 1972, Agent [ ] helped transport NATURALE's body via hearse to the Manhattan City Morgue located at 30th Street and First Avenue, New York, New York. While at the City Morgue, Agent [ ] identified NATURALE to doctors [ ] as the man shot at John F. Kennedy Airport. [ ] then advised Agent [ ] that he would perform an autopsy on NATURALE to determine cause of death.

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V. INTERVIEW OF BANK EMPLOYEES  
REGARDING ROBBERY

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[redacted] home address [redacted]  
[redacted] New York [redacted] business address,  
Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York 11223,  
provided the following:

[redacted]  
for the Chase Manhattan Bank (CMB) [redacted] the  
bank branch located at 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York.

[redacted] stated that at approximately 2:50 p.m.  
on August 22, 1972. [redacted]

[redacted]

that the second man was named JOHN. At this point JOHN and SAL went to a cardboard box which was standing upright near the counter in the center of the bank where deposit slips are kept. They took from this box a shotgun and a rifle. At this point one of them said "BOBBY chickened out". The robbers took all the travelers checks in the bank and burned the list of travelers checks numbers. The robbers stated they knew the bank had a certain quantity of marked money and they demanded to be provided with the list of the marked bills. The robbers spoke of a shipment of money which they believed would be sent from this bank to the Federal Reserve Bank at 3:30 p.m. on August 22, 1972. They stated they had learned of this shipment from an officer of the CMB whom they had met in a bar frequented by homosexuals. [redacted]

[redacted]

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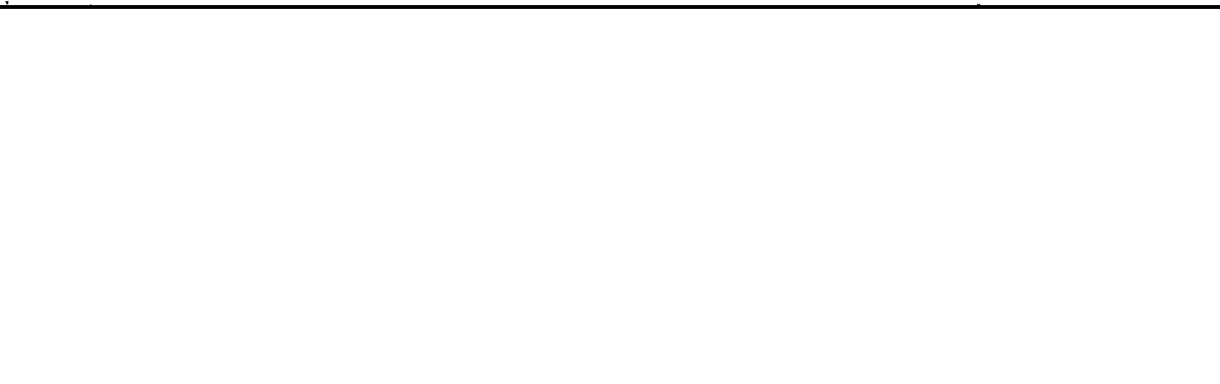
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During the course of the following several hours the robber known as JOHN spoke of his wife and children and then indicated that he had a "wife" named ERNEST, a homosexual. JOHN claimed that he and ERNEST had been married by a priest at a church in the vicinity of West 4th Street, New York, New York.

At one point the robbers demanded pizzas which were subsequently delivered. One of the robbers then took a packet from the group of \$1 bills which had been removed from the vault and threw these bills out into the street.

The robbers then made a demand for an aircraft to take them and their hostages inside the bank to an unknown destination. The robbers then demanded a helicopter, but the police stated a helicopter could not land at the location of the bank. The robbers then demanded a limousine and eventually an airport type stretch limousine was provided by Brown's Limousine Service. This vehicle parked in front of the bank. JOHN stood at the door of the bank and two of the female hostages left the bank and entered the car one at a time. JOHN then entered the car and was followed into the car by SAL who was wedged between two other female hostages. The limousine departed the bank enroute to John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA). During this time, SAL had the shotgun and waved it around at times pointing it at the head of the driver of the limousine.

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Upon arrival at JFKIA, the limousine proceeded to an area near a fence and stopped. As a jet aircraft taxied toward the limousine the robber carrying the shotgun was distracted by the noise and site of the aircraft and at this time the driver of the limousine grabbed the barrel of the shotgun, pushed it up into the air and fired a weapon of his own. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 10th Detective  
District Burglary and Larceny Squad, NYCPD, was present during this interview.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated that she was employed [redacted]  
[redacted] at the Chase Manhattan Bank branch located at 450 Avenue  
F, Brooklyn.

She advised that at approximately 2:55 pm on the afternoon  
of August 22, 1972 she was working [redacted]

[redacted] stated that there were no other customers in the bank at  
this time.

[redacted] stated that she then observed a second man,  
whom she described as a white male, short and thin, having black and  
white hair which was probably prematurely gray and not caused by  
age, and wearing black with a dark green shirt. This second man

[redacted] After  
the second man proceeded into the  
tellers area where he emptied the tellers drawers. He then proceeded  
into the note tellers area where he took the American Express  
Travelers Checks. [redacted] advised that the man did not take  
the bait money which was in the drawers. She stated that he appeared  
to know what it was for he threw it all on the floor. She also  
advised that the alarm was not activated which would have automati-  
cally started the cameras.

According to [redacted] the two men then began  
planning their escape from the bank. Their first plan was to put  
all the bank employees into the vault and then to the John F.  
Kennedy (JFK) Airport; around 10:00 pm they would notify the police

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that the people were in the vault. This plan was abandoned, however, because it was determined that when the vault was closed it would signal the Holmes Alarm Company. They then decided to lock the vault, have the bank employees strip and move them into the conference room. About this time the police arrived outside the bank. The two men told the employees to keep busy and act as if nothing was wrong. When it became apparent to the police that something was wrong, the bank employees were moved into the conference room by the two men.

[redacted] stated that the two men began arguing over what their plan would be. During the next number of hours the second man, whom [redacted] now knew as "JOHN", kept going outside talking to people. She stated that the bank employees were allowed to use the bathroom and to make tea. She also noted that they were treated well.

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Finally, about 3:30 am the next morning the two men decided to go to the airport and a limosine was ordered. It was decided that one of the bank employees would be left behind. In order to decide whom to leave behind, slips of paper were prepared to be drawn from a hat. [redacted] drew the blank slip of paper and was left behind.

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[redacted] stated that the following seating plan was utilized in the ride to the airport. In front seat alone, [redacted] was the driver; in the next seat from left to right sat [redacted] SAL (the bank robber whom [redacted] described as "the first man"), [redacted] behind that row sat [redacted] JOHN (the second bank robber) [redacted] advised that during the drive from the bank to the airport SAL sat with his gun in the air and JOHN had his laid across his lap.

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When they arrived at JFK Airport, [redacted] advised that they sat in the limosine for about twenty minutes waiting for the airplane to arrive. When the airplane finally taxied up, the driver of the limosine turned around and shot SAL. JOAN stated that she did not know how, [redacted]

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[redacted] At that point she stated she exited from the limosine.

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[redacted]  
New York, telephone number [redacted] who has been [redacted]  
[redacted] the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn,  
New York, since [redacted] and employed by the Chase  
Manhattan Bank for [redacted] years, was interviewed at the above  
bank and provided the following information:

On Friday, August 25, 1972, [redacted] stated that  
made calls to the following employee's of the above  
mentioned bank, who were held as hostages after the bank  
was robbed on August 22, 1972: these calls were made  
to them at their homes.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

[redacted] advised he called these employee's to find  
out how they were after the robbery. He stated that when he  
talked to [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] Chase Manhattan Bank,  
1 New York Plaza, New York, New York, telephone number  
676-2342, [redacted]

[redacted] went on to say that he advised [redacted]  
[redacted] Chase Manhattan Bank, who is  
[redacted] the Brooklyn Division, of the above information  
and subsequently called [redacted] again.

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] nm Date dictated 8/31/72

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[ ] stated that he advised [ ] that JOHN WOJTOWICZ was making statements to the effect that [ ] and call him back. [ ] did not return the call and [ ] advised he called her again at approximately 2:00 PM on August 25, 1972. [ ] stated that [ ] asked him to come to her house because [ ] (last name unknown) and she were there and wanted to talk to him. [ ] advised he called [ ] back and told him he was going to [ ] home. [ ] stated he arrived at [ ] residence at approximately 3:45 PM on August 25, 1972.

[ ] stated that he spent about an hour with the employee's at [ ] residence. He advised that each of the employee's, [ ]

[ ] at the bank, on Monday and left [ ] residence at approximately 5:00 PM.

[ ] advised that on Monday August 28, 1972, at approximately 9:00 AM, [ ] came to the bank. [ ] stated that [ ]

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[redacted] the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, with a home address of [redacted] was contacted at her place of employment by Special Agents (SAs) [redacted]

[redacted] Prior to interview [redacted] was advised by the interviewing agents that she was being reinterviewed concerning the robbery of the aforementioned bank on August 22 and 23, 1972. Prior to interview, [redacted] was furnished a copy of form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights", which she read stated she understood and signed.

[redacted] advised that she had been interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA), on August 23, 1972, after she had been used as a hostage in the bank robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, on August 22 and 23, 1972 and the attempted getaway that ended at JFKIA at approximately 5:30 AM on August 23, 1972. [redacted] further advised that she had not advised the interviewing agent of the complete details pertaining to the details of the bank robbery.

During the progress of the bank robbery and while BALL was being held hostage inside the bank, one of the subjects escorted the hostages to the restroom, in the rear of the bank, one at a time. While [redacted] was being escorted to the restroom by the subject known to her as JOHN WOJTOWICZ

[redacted]

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[redacted] indicated that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] she received a telephone  
call, at her residence from [redacted]  
of the aforementioned bank on the morning of August 25, 1972  
(Friday). [redacted] told her that [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] indicated that she was extremely upset by this  
affair and was unsure of exactly what to do, therefore she  
called [redacted], who was also used as  
a hostage in the bank robbery. In speaking to [redacted] she  
explained the complete story and [redacted] advised that [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] They  
contacted [redacted] another bank employee and hostage  
who stated that [redacted] in  
a similar manner as described above.

At this point [redacted] met at  
[redacted] home to discuss what to do and decided to ask [redacted]  
[redacted] to come to the residence to discuss  
the problem. [redacted] agreed to this, a meeting was held and  
[redacted] instructed [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] advised that after the meeting they were able  
to contact [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] continued that on Monday August 28, 1972, she went to the bank and [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] contacted [redacted] by phone and she agreed to come to the bank to discuss the matter with [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted]  
Chase Manhattan Bank, Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, home  
address [redacted]

[redacted] was contacted at her place of employment by Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) [redacted] Prior to interview [redacted] was advised by the interview agents that she was being reinterviewed concerning the robbery of the aforementioned bank on August 22 and 23, 1972. Prior to interview [redacted] was furnished a copy of form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights", which she read, stated she understood and signed.

[redacted] stated that she had been interviewed by agents of the FBI at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA) on August 23, 1972, after she had been used as a hostage in the bank robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank (CMB), 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, on August 22 and 23, 1972, and the getaway attempt that was halted by the FBI at approximately 5:30 AM on August 23, 1972, at JFKIA. [redacted] further advised that she had not given the interviewing agent at (JFKIA) the complete details of the above bank robbery.

During the progress of the bank robbery and while [redacted] was being held hostage inside the bank, one of the subjects escorted the hostages to the restroom in the rear of the bank, one at a time. While [redacted] was being escorted to the restroom by the subject known to her as JOHN WOJTOWICZ,

[redacted]

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SAs [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] August 23, 1972  
(Wednesday) until she received a telephone call from [redacted]  
[redacted] another hostage, and bank employee on August 25, 1972  
(Friday). [redacted] told [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] indicated that she and [redacted] met to discuss  
the situation and decided to contact each of the other  
[redacted] to determine if possibly [redacted]  
[redacted]. They were  
successful in contacting [redacted]  
[redacted]. These bank employees all met at the  
residence of [redacted], on the afternoon of August 25, 1972,  
and contacted [redacted] and  
requested him to meet with them. The meeting was held and  
they decided [redacted]  
on August 28, 1972.

[redacted] further advised that on the morning of  
August 28, 1972, she met [redacted] at the  
bank. [redacted]  
[redacted] the CMB, 450 Avenue P., Brooklyn, New York.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Port Authority Building, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Oneens, New York. [redacted] stated she is employed, as [redacted] by the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York. [redacted] advised she is a resident of [redacted]

[redacted] She thereafter voluntarily furnished the following information"

[redacted] stated that at approximately 2:55 PM on August 22, 1972, while she was working in the above mentioned bank, she noticed JOHN (last name unknown)

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that at this time the bank was closing and there were no customers in the bank.

[redacted] indicated that a few moments later JOHN walked toward the middle of the bank, with a pistol in his hand, and said "all of you turn around against the wall". She advised that while she was turning she noticed SAL (last name unknown) standing in the front of the bank, in the corner. SAL had a shoulder weapon, held it up and directed all the employees to "stay where you are, don't move".

[redacted] advised that JOHN then asked for the vault combination and he and [redacted] went in the back to the vault area while SAL held the other employee's at gunpoint. She advised that a few minutes later JOHN and [redacted] came back and JOHN had travelers checks and money which he had taken from the vault. She stated JOHN then went behind the tellers cage and "cleared" the money out. She advised JOHN then put the money in a suitcase, his pockets and threw some on the floor.

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[ ] went on to say that JOHN then advised the group he was going to lock them in the vault and leave with two hostages. She advised at this point a police car pulled up in front of the bank and all the employees were rushed into the conference room.

[ ] further stated that all the employee's were then held hostage by JOHN and SAL in the bank from 3:30 PM on August 22, 1972, until approximately 4:15 AM on August 23, 1972, when they left for Kennedy Airport. She stated that during this period the hostages were permitted to make telephone calls, eat, smoke, walk around and go to the bathroom. She also advised that during this period of time JOHN examined the entire bank, locked and barrecaaded the rear door. She stated at one point JOHN and [ ] went in the basement and a shot was accidentally fired. She stated JOHN fired another shot into the ceiling when he heard someone at the rear door.

[ ] stated that during this time JOHN did all the moving around and SAL stayed with the hostages. JOHN also on several occasion went outside the bank to talk to the Police and FBI. She advised that during the evening both SAL and JOHN made reference to a bomb they had and a third individual [ ] (last name unknown) who was to take part in the bank robbery, but went in the bank and then ran out.

She stated that at approximately 4:15 AM, on August 23, 1972, all the hostages with the exception of two that were released during the evening got in to the airport limousine, that JOHN demanded, and went to Kennedy Airport. She stated shortly after they arrived at the airport SAL was shot by an FBI agent and JOHN surrendered.

[ ] finally advised that she was very upset and tired and the above information was all she could remember concerning this matter, at this time.



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[REDACTED] then provided the following description  
of JOHN and SAL:

Name	JOHN (Last Name Unknown)
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	22-23 years old
Height	Five feet
Weight	140 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Wearing	Black suit pants, green shirt, sunglasses
Weapons	Short gun and pistol

Name	SAL (Last Name Unknown)
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	22-25 years old
Height	Five feet four inches
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Blonde
Eyes	Blue
Wearing	Blue pin stripe suit and dark shirt and sunglasses
Weapon	Rifle

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VII. INTERVIEW OF JOHN STANLEY WOTTOWICZ,  
ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1972. [REDACTED]

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JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ, confined at the Federal Detention Headquarters, 427 West Street, New York, New York, for the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, on August 22, 1972, was interviewed. He was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. He was furnished with the form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights," which he read, advised that he understood, and then signed. This form is being retained in the New York Division file. He was interviewed and he furnished the following information:

He advised that he had, in fact, [redacted] [redacted] during the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, on August 22, 1972. He recalls that [redacted]

[redacted] and felt sorry for what he was doing to them during the robbery.

[redacted]

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VIII. INTERVIEW OF JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ  
ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1972, CONCERNING  
IDENTIFICATION OF PHOTOGRAPH OF  
NATURALE

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Date 9/1/72

JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ was interviewed at the Federal Detention Headquarters, 427 West Street, New York, New York. He was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. He was furnished with the form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights," which he read, advised that he understood, and then signed. This form is being retained in the New York Division file. He was interviewed and he furnished the following information:

He was shown a photograph of SALVATORE NATURALE, also known as (aka) Donald Matterson and Salvatore Naturile. This photograph was identified as New York City Police Department (NYCPD) photograph number M2719727, dated July 9, 1972.

He identified the white male in this photograph as "SAL," the individual who had assisted him in robbing the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, on August 22, 1972, and who was mortally wounded on August 23, 1972.

He wrote the name "SAL" on the reverse side of this photograph, and then signed and dated this photograph. This photograph was then signed and dated by the interviewing agents, and immediately placed in the New York Division file.

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[redacted] voluntarily appeared at the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and furnished with a form entitled "Voluntary Appearance; Advice of Rights," which he read, advised that he understood, and then signed. This form is being retained in the New York Division file. He advised that he wanted to discuss the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, on August 22, 1972. He was interviewed and he furnished the following information:

[redacted]

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[redacted] voluntarily appeared at the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), 201 East 69th Street, New York, New York and advised that he wished to furnish the following information:

[redacted] advised that he was born on [redacted] at [redacted] and presently resides at [redacted]

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[redacted] voluntarily appeared at the New York Office (NYO) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for interview. He was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing agents by show of credentials and the purpose of the interview. He was immediately furnished with the form entitled, "Voluntary Appearance; Advice of Rights," which he read, advised that he understood, and signed. This form is being retained in the New York Division file. He was interviewed and he furnished the following information:

[redacted]

He advised that WOJTOWICZ and NATURALE live together in the Greenwich Village area of New York City. NATURALE was described as working at a candy store located in Greenwich Village. He stated that [redacted] an individual described as a homosexual, was a close associate of NATURALE and WOJTOWICZ. He further advised that [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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[REDACTED]

He voluntarily agreed to be fingerprinted and photographed in order to prove his innocence in any bank robbery in the New York City area.

The following description and personal data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name: [REDACTED]  
Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Place of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Height: [REDACTED]  
Weight: [REDACTED]  
Hair: [REDACTED]  
Eyes: [REDACTED]  
Residence: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number:

Education:

Draft Status:  
Prior Military Service:  
Social Security Number:  
Occupation:

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[redacted]  
[redacted] New York, tele-  
phone number [redacted] telephonically contacted the  
New York Office (NYO) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
(FBI). She furnished the following information:

[redacted]

She furnished the telephone number for ERNEST ARON  
as (212) 852-9570.

She furnished the address of [redacted] as [redacted]  
[redacted], New York.

On 9/19/72 at New York, New York File # NY 91-12002

by SA [redacted] /lwt Date dictated 9/25/72

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XIII. INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] REGARDING  
RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM WOJTOWICZ

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[redacted] the Chase Manhattan Bank, 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York, New York, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. He was interviewed and he furnished the following information:

He advised that on September 12, 1972, he received a handwritten letter from JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ, presently incarcerated at the Federal House of Detention, 427 West Street, New York, New York. The letter was dated September 7, 1972, and directed to the Branch Security Department. He furnished this letter to the interviewing agent, it was immediately initialed, dated, and placed in the New York Division file.

The letter reads as follows:

"John S. Wojtowicz  
Federal House of Detention  
427 West St.  
N.Y.C., N.Y. 10014

Chase Manhattan Bank  
1 N.Y. Plaza  
N.Y. N.Y.  
c/o Branch Security Department

Dear Sir:

On Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1972, I went to one of your Branch Banks in B'klyn, specifically on Ave. P. and East 3rd St. I gave one of the girl tellers, I think it was the head teller, \$300.00 and my Bank Americard (Chase Manhattan) for a payment because I was behind. I never got receipt or my Chase Manhattan Bank Americard back. The N.Y. police & the Federal Bureau of Investigation have not found the receipt in their searches. Its possible receipt was never made out in the confusion. I therefore request that the women tellers be questioned especially the head teller. Once they are questioned & varify that I gave them \$300.00 & Card for payment. That you correct your records & notify Chase Manhattan Bank

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by SA [redacted] /lwt Date dictated 9/18/72

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Americard of that payment effective as of 8/22/72. That I be sent receipt from you for payment & also confirmation from C.M. Bank Americard of payment.

If this is not done within 10 days, I will take legal action against those involved including subpoenas. I hope with your co-operation it will not become necessary & that this matter can be settled quickly to both our satisfactions. Thank you for your time & effort.

Yours truly,

John S. Wojtowicz"

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XV. "LAST WILL AND TESTIMENT" OF  
JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ [REDACTED]  
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Date 9/22/72

[redacted] residing at [redacted]

[redacted] was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. She was interviewed and furnished the following information:

[redacted]  
[redacted] JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ, presently incarcerated at the Federal Detention Headquarters, 427 West Street, New York, New York. [redacted]  
[redacted]

## Last Will &amp; Testament

"This is my last will & testament. I write this to settle all my affairs. To my [redacted]

[redacted] who is always in my heart and mind. I love you with a Passion as no other has loved another man in all eternity. My love will live on forever, & we shall be together once more in the hereafter. I will always be by your side in spirit & will watch over you, till you join me in the hereafter. I leave you \$2,700 from my \$10,000 life insurance policy at the Richburg Savings Bank of which [redacted] is the beneficiary. This money is only to be used for your Sex Change or Sex Re-assignment Operation. The first Part - Castration (\$700) shall be done within 60 days after my death or no money shall be given to you. It shall be performed by any doctor you choose but hopefully [redacted] shall accompany you to Pay deposit & also for day of Castration. She Shall handle all money transactions or a lawyer Shall be appointed to follow this last will & testament to the letter of the law & as here in written. The remainder of the money (\$2,000) Shall be held at all times by [redacted] or appointed attorney. Main

On 9/21/72 at Brooklyn, New York File # NY 91-12002

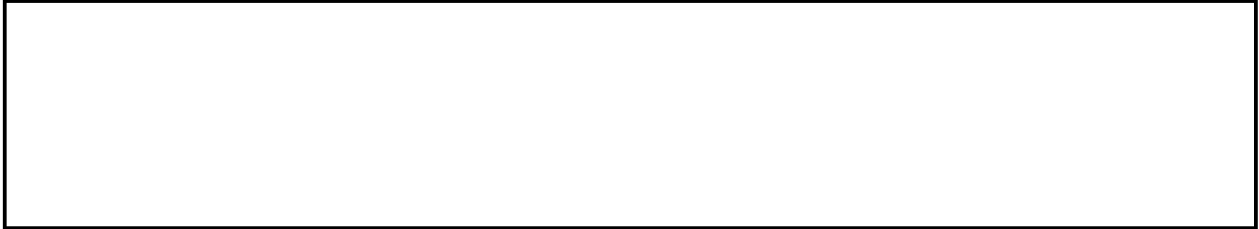
by SA [redacted] and JJJ:lwt Date dictated 9/21/72

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"& final Stage of Sex Change or Sex Reassignment operation must be completed within 8 Months after my death or no money shall be given to [redacted] Next, deposit for 2nd & final Stage of Operation will be paid by [redacted] or appointed attorney, who shall accompany you then & after in day of last Stage of operation. If Operation costs less than \$2,700.00, the remainder shall be given to him in full on the 1st Anniversary of my death only at my grave side. I expect you to be a real woman by then & happy. That your life from that point on Shall be full of happiness & Joy. I hope you will visit my grave on My birthday, March 9, & on our Anniversary December 4. May God Bless you & watch over you as I will, till we are reunited in the hereafter.

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September 12, 1972

"/s/ John S. Wojtowicz

/s/ [redacted] Witness  
/s/ [redacted] Witness  
/s/ [redacted] Witness"

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This letter was immediately initialed, dated, and placed in the New York Division file.

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XVI. INTERVIEWS OF [REDACTED]  
NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
REGARDING DODGE DUSTER RENTED BY  
WOJTOWICZ

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Date 9/4/72

[redacted]  
New York City Police Department (NYCPD), 10th Detective District, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. Hewas interviewed and furnished the following information:

He advised that the Dodge Duster, New York License Plate Number 23Z753 rented by JOHN WOJCIOWICZ on August 16, 1972, had been impounded at the 61st Precinct, New York City Police Department under Voucher Number 1414.

He furnished the following details regarding the rental of this vehicle:

Date of Rental:	August 16, 1972
Time:	6:30 p.m.
Date To Be Returned:	August 24, 1972
Rented From:	D & T Auto Rental, Incorporated 1205 Coney Island Avenue Brooklyn, New York
Vehicle Owned By:	Econo-Car of Flatbush 1259 Flatbush Avenue Brooklyn, New York
Make:	Dodge
Model:	Duster, New York License 23Z753

He advised that after an inspection of this automobile no personal effects or property had been located either in the trunk or in the interior of the automobile.

On 8/28/72 at Brooklyn, New York File # NY 91-12002

by SA [redacted] lwt Date dictated 8/31/72

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XVII. INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]  
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[redacted] He was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. He was furnished with the form entitled, "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" which he read, advised that he understood and then signed. This form is being retained in the New York Division file. He was interviewed and furnished the following information:

[redacted]

He advised that before answering any further questions he desired to speak to his attorney.

[redacted] voluntarily furnished his fingerprints to the interviewing agents stating that this would prove his innocence of any bank robbery violation or violation under the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The interview was then terminated.

The following description and personal data was obtained through observation and interview:

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by SA [redacted] JJJ:lwt Date dictated 9/7/72

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XVIII. INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]  
ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1972

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[redacted] voluntarily appeared at the New York Office (NYO) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), for interview. He was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. He was immediately furnished with the form entitled, "Voluntary Appearance; Advice of Rights", which he read, advised he understood and then signed. This form is being retained in the NYO file. He was interviewed and furnished the following information:

[redacted]

On 9 15/72 at New York, New York File # NY 91-12002

by SA [redacted] JJJ/lwt Date dictated 9/19/72

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XIX. INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]  
ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1972

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[redacted] voluntarily appeared at the New York Office (NYO) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for interview. He was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. He was furnished with the form entitled "Voluntary Appearance; Advice of Rights," which he read, advised that he understood, and then signed. This form is being retained in the New York Division file. He was interviewed and he furnished the following information:

On 9/27/72 at New York, New York File # NY 91-12002

by SA [redacted] and [redacted] JJJ:1wt Date dictated 9/27/72

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XX. INTERVIEW OF   
ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1972

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XXI. INFORMATION CONCERNING THEFT OF  
COLT .38 CALIBER REVOLVER, SERIAL  
NUMBER B76655 AND MISCELLANEOUS  
INVESTIGATION



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The following investigation was conducted by the  
New Haven Division:

On March 6, 1972, [redacted]  
[redacted] United Parcel Service (UPS), Hartford,  
Connecticut, furnished a UPS report of stolen firearms listing  
six Colt Cobra .38 caliber revolvers, Model D3420, which  
were missing in shipment consigned from Colt's, 150 Huyshope  
Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, to Gabes, 800 South Preston,  
Louisville, Kentucky. This shipment was picked up by UPS  
on September 22, 1971.

On September 21, 1972, [redacted]  
[redacted] UPS, Hartford, Connecticut, advised  
that the records reveal six Colt Cobra .38 caliber revolvers,  
Model D3420, were picked up by driver, [redacted] at  
Colt Firearms, Hartford, Connecticut, and transported to  
Stratford, Connecticut, September 22, 1972, where the shipment  
was broken down. The shipment then traveled on the ground to  
Seacaucus, New Jersey, and then on piggyback trailer to  
Louisville, Kentucky. [redacted] advised that in all pro-  
bability the theft occurred at Seacaucus, New Jersey, because  
his records show that the weapons were received at Stratford,  
Connecticut. [redacted] had been assigned as the  
delivery area driver in Louisville, Kentucky. No further in-  
formation received.

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XXII. FBI REPORT CONCERNING IDENTIFICATION  
OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS INSIDE BANK  
AS THOSE OF JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ

Your File No. 91-12002  
Latent Case No. A-58603

September 5, 1972

RE: JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ, BORN  
MARCH 9, 1945, IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Two latent fingerprints and one latent palm print  
appearing on the following described lifts have been identified  
as fingerprints and a palm print of Wojtowicz:

One fingerprint on a black rubber lift marked  
"Phone-2d officers desk" (this fingerprint  
also appears on a duplicate lift)

One fingerprint on a black rubber lift marked  
"Work Room Rear Door"

One palm print on a white rubber lift marked  
"door to safe deposit"

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XXIII. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS OF THE FBI  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT  
FINGERPRINT SECTION

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Washington, D. C. 20537



## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 91-12002  
FBI FILE NO. 91-44808  
LATENT CASE NO. A-58603

September 28, 1972

TO: SAC, New York.

JOHN WOJTOWICZ, AKA;  
ET AL.;  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
RE: 450 AVENUE P  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8/22/72  
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REFERENCE: Airtel received 9/16/72

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: New York

SPECIMENS: Major case prints of [redacted]  
[redacted]


Unidentified latent fingerprints previously  
reported in captioned case not identical fingerprints  
[redacted]

Major case prints of [redacted] compared with  
latent prints in bank robbery section of National  
Unidentified Latent File, but no identification effected.

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L. Patrick Gray, III, Acting Director

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September 28, 1972

A copy of the identification record and photograph of [ ] are enclosed for New York and New Haven Divisions.

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Major case prints of [ ] retained.

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YOUR FILE NO. 91-12002  
FBI FILE NO. 91-44808  
LATENT CASE NO. A-58603

September 25, 1972

TO: SAC, New York

RE: SALVATORE NATURALE (PH) (DECEASED);  
JOHN S. WOJTOWICZ;  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
450 AVENUE P  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
8/22/72; BR

REFERENCE: Airtel 8/23/72

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: New York

SPECIMENS: Fingerprints and palm prints of Salvatore Naturale,  
FBI #51209K6

This report supplements Latent Fingerprint  
Section report dated 9/19/72.

Fingerprints and palm prints of Naturale  
compared with latent prints in bank robbery, bank burglary  
and bank larceny sections of National Unidentified Latent  
File, but no identification effected.

It should be noted that a copy of Naturale's  
identification record was forwarded to your office on  
8/23/72.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "L. Patrick Gray, III".  
L. Patrick Gray, III, Acting Director

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September 25, 1972

Fingerprints and palm prints of Naturale  
retained.



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## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 91-12002  
FBI FILE NO. 91-44808  
LATENT CASE NO. A-58603

September 27, 1972.

TO: SAC, New York

RE: JOHN WOJTOWICZ, AKA;  
ET AL.;  
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
450 AVENUE P  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
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REFERENCE: Airtel 9-14-72  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: New York  
SPECIMENS: Fingerprints of [redacted]

Two unidentified latent fingerprints previously  
reported captioned case not identical fingerprints  
[redacted]

Fingerprints [redacted] compared with latent prints  
in bank robbery section of National Unidentified Latent File,  
but no identification effected.

Fingerprints [redacted] which are being retained,  
were searched through our main fingerprint file, but no  
arrest record located. Submitted photograph retained.

A copy of [redacted] identification record is  
enclosed.

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*L. Patrick Gray*  
L. Patrick Gray, III, Acting Director

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XXIV. FBI ARREST RECORD OF  
JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ  
FBI NUMBER 325 566 K11

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
USM Bklyn NY	John Stanley Wojtowicz #2322 USM #2197	8-23-72	armed bank rob	
Fed Det Hdqtrs NY NY	John Wojtowicz #76456 158	8-23-72	E-NY armed bank rob USM	
FBI New York NY	John Stanley Wojtowicz NY91-12002	8-23-72	bank robbery	

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XXVII. FBI ARREST RECORD OF ERNEST EUGENE ARON;  
AKA ELIZABETH EDEN, LIZ EDEN, FBI NUMBER  
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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

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## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

The following FBI record, NUMBER 28 067 G, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Daytona Beach Fla	Ernest Eugene Aron #ID-47350	5-3-67	Vag DC	(PIT) Daytona Beach Shores & rel 12th JP
SO De Land Fla	Ernest Eugene Aron #48708-16964	5-4-67	1. DC 2. Vag	
			Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request, FBI cannot guarantee in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested.	

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Information shown on this Identification Record represents data furnished FBI by fingerprint contributors. Where final disposition is not shown or further explanation of charge is desired, communicate with agency contributing those fingerprints.

Notations indicated by \* are NOT based on fingerprints in FBI files but are listed only as investigative leads as being possibly identical with subject of this record.

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XXX. MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATION

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[REDACTED]

On August 30, 1972, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) EDWARD J. BOYD, III was advised of the facts concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, on August 30, 1972. He was further advised of the facts concerning these [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. BOYD advised that he would withhold his prosecutive opinion pending further investigation into this matter.

On August 31, 1972, the facts concerning the robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 450 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, on August 22, 1972, were presented to a Federal Grand Jury (FGJ), Eastern District of New York (EDNY). AUSA EDWARD J. BOYD handled this presentation. On the same date a true bill was returned by the FGJ, EDNY, charging JOHN STANLEY WOJTOWICZ [REDACTED] with violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a) (d) (e), 2, and 371.

On September 13, 1972, AUSA BOYD, EDNY, advised that on September 11, 1972, United States District Judge (USDJ) TRAVIA, EDNY ordered WOJTOWICZ [REDACTED] sent for thirty days of psychiatric observation and examination.

On September 15, 1972, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Identification Division reported that [REDACTED] who had identified the body of SALVATORE NATURALE on August 23, 1972, [REDACTED]

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On September 25, 1972, ERNEST ARON, 347 Dean Street, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number (212) 852-9570, had been telephonically contacted and agreed to be interviewed on September 26, 1972, by Special Agents of the FBI.

On September 26, 1972, [redacted] believed to be employed by the [redacted] telephonically contacted the New York Office of the FBI and stated that ERNEST ARON had contacted his attorney regarding the scheduled interview and had been advised not to furnish the FBI with any information concerning the robbery.

On November 28, 1972, AUSA ROBERT CLAREY, EDNY, advised that he had been assigned to this matter for trial purposes. He stated that he had been notified that [redacted] WOJTOWICZ [redacted] had been judged competent to stand trial. [redacted]

[redacted] stated his opinion in a letter to USDJ TRAVIA, EDNY dated October 6, 1972. He further advised that no date had yet been set for trial in this matter.

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On January 30, 1973, AUSA RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI, Southern District of New York (SDNY), was advised of the facts concerning [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Mr. GIULIANI advised that he desired further investigation in this matter and he would withhold his prosecutive opinion until this investigation is completed. Mr. GIULIANI further advised that he would consider having [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On February 5, 1973, AUSA ROBERT CLAREY, EDNY, was again presented with the facts concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He also was advised of the interview with WOJTOWICZ on September 1, 1972, at which time WOJTOWICZ [REDACTED]

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Mr. CLAREY declined prosecution [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

On February 5, 1973, AUSA CLAREY, EDNY, advised that in view of the fact that both WOJTOWICZ [REDACTED] been found competent to stand trial he anticipated their entering guilty pleas within the near future.

From August 29, 1972 to February 5, 1973, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] New York City Police Department (NYCPD), 10th Detective Division (10th DD), has been contacted on almost a weekly basis concerning the progress of prosecution in this matter and miscellaneous investigation being conducted regarding this robbery.

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